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Rifai visits GHQ

AMMAN (Petra) — Ptime Minister and Defence Minister Zaid Rifai Tuesday called at the Armed Forces General Headquarters (GHQ) and met with Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Sbaker. The meeting was attended by Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb and his aide for planning, organisation and electronic warfare and the commander of the Royal

.Iordan gets \$15m IDB loan

JEDDAH (OPECNA) - The Islamic Development Bank [IDB] is to extend a \$15 million loan to Jordan for the import of crude oil from a member country. The credit was signed here by IDB Ptesident Ahmad Mohamad Ali and the Jordanian ambassadot to Saudi Arabia, Mohamad Rassol Al Keilani. This brings total IDB financing to Jordan since August this year to \$41.6

EEC extends aid to Gaza

BRUSSELS (AP) - The European Economic Community (EEC) announced Tuesday it is granting 200,000 Eutopean currency units (\$256,000) worth of emergency supplies to the Palestinians living in the occupied territones. The EC commission said the grant was made in response to an appeal from the United Na-bons Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian tefugees. The 12-... natioo EC orovides about 20 per cent of the agency's annual budget. The commission said most of the money is intended to buy medical supplies and baby food for the Palestinian population of Gaza.

Sabbah heads for Rome

TEL AVIV (R) — Michel Sabbah, named by Pope John Paul as the first Atab to be Latin (Roman Catholic) patriarch of Jerusalem. left for Rome on Tuesday. Father Sabbah, 54, a Palestinian, will be the first man born in the Holy Land to be patriarch of Jerusalem. His appointment was announced by the Vatican on Monday. "As a man of goodwill I shall do the hest I can to contnbute to peace in the Middle East," he told reporters as he left on an Alitalia flight for his consectation ceremony at the Vatican on Jan. 6. He said he would stay in Rome for a week after the ceremony and then return to Jerusalem to take up his new

Soviet team to leave Israel next month

TEL AVIV (R) - The first Soviet mission to visit Israel in 20 years is expected to leave for Moscow within a few weeks following a six-month stay, the Jerusalem Post reported on Tuesday. The English-language newspaper said the eight-man consular delegation has had no work since it renewed several hundred passports of Soviet citizens and hired Israeli lawyers to handle Soviet property interests. Asked about the newspaper report, a spokesman for the Soviet mission declined comment.

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Senate unanimously endorses JD 1.075b budget for 1988 Rifai calls for more private sector involvement in development

and explains measures aimed at serving national goals

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Upper House of Parliament (Senate) on Tuesday unanimously endorsed Jordan's 1988 fiscal budget, thus completing the constitutional process of the legislature's approval of the JD 1.075 billion bill.

be issued in the next few days to allow actual spending of the budget allocations.

The Senate's approval by acclamation of the budget followed hearing of an in-depth report on the bill prepared by the Senate's Financial Committee

The 1988 budget reflects esti-mated increases in both expenditure and local revenues and projects a deficit of JD 66.9 million to be covered by improvement of the local sources of revenue and methods of tax collection, controlling public expenditure and through local and foreign borrow-

the U.N. Security Council to

press for sanctions against

Tehtan, Saudi Foreign Minister

Prince Saud Al Faisal said on

He told a news conference at

the end of a four-day Gulf Coop-

eration Council (GCC) summit

that Security Council Resolution

598 calling fot a ceasefire was the

hest way to end the seven-year-

"There will be missions to the

permanent Security Council

members to reinforce efforts ex-

pended to reach an agreement on

the implementation of 598."

Austria denies

allowing Iranian

KUWAIT (AP) — Austrian Interior Minister Karl Blecha was

quoted Tuesday as saying some

Iranian Jews emigrate to the Un-

ited States through his country.

but said Austria did not permit

do help Iranian Jews to emigrate

to the United States via Vienna,

but none of them go to Israel

because we do not permit this."

Mr. Blecha was quoted as telling Kuwait's daily Al Qabas news-

Mr. Blecha, who is visiting

Kuwait, was responding to news

teports that Itanian officials were

Al Qabas said the minister

suppressing Palestinian protests

and said his country supports the Palestinian right to self-deter-

"Oppression cannot be prac-

Some American organisations

"The position taken by the

old Iran-Iraq war.

Prince Saud said.

Jews to go

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A Royal Decree is expected to the 1987 reestimated budget. In reply to the Financial Com-

mittee's findings and recommendations and remarks made by nine senators who spoke during the four-hour session. Prime Minister Zuid Rifui pledged the government would control expenditures and closely scrutinise capital and curtent spending.

Mr. Rifai also reiterated the government's decision to use all overdue instalments of expected Arab financial aid to Jordan to repay the country's foreign debts and lower Jordan's accumulated deficit which stands at JD 259

He said the government was ings. seeking to use available tevenues and foreign capital investments.

It reflects a 0.0 increase over to further consolidate the coun-

for sanctions against Tehran

for peace and reaffirming support for Palestinians

RIYADH (Agencies) — Gulf summit is (for the U.N.) to issue a means of teducing tension. Arab states will send envoys to a decision to implement the te-

on the state that does not imple-

Iran has so far refused to

accept the July resolution, insist-

ing that Iraq first be condemned

as "the aggressor."
The GCC — Saudi Arabia.

Kuwait, Qatat, Bahrain, Oman

and the United Arab Emirates

(UAE) — issued no direct critic-

ism of Iran but appealed to it to

accept the U.N. initiative and

improve relations with the GCC

on the basis of mutual respect.

sion to GCC members Oman and

the UAE which have good ties

This appeared to be a conces-

Rivadh summit ends with call on Iran to opt

ment it," he said.

the five permanent membets of solution and to impose sanctions



try's economic infrastructure and provide a more suitable climate for investments, These measures. he said, will boost national production capabilities to meet local needs for services and commodities, increase the country's export output to improve the country's balance of trade and payments and offer more job opportunities and attract further Arah

The Security Council is prepar-

ing to discuss an arms embargo

against Iran as a way of ending

the war which has spilled into

Gulf shipping lanes and drawn

more than 80 foreign warships

into the area to protect interna-

court," Prince Saud said. "It is

the interest and hope of all Arab

countries that Iran responds to

Prince Saud said if Iran failed

to respond, "countries that are

attacked will defend themselves

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"The ball is now in Iran's

tional shipping.

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of course.

the private sector to enhance its role through taking more initia-tives in the areas of investment. production, marketing and exports and said the government was by no means competing with the private enterprise in areas related to constructions, trade,

On the contrary, we support private sector initiatives. We only participate in investments when the private sector does not participate in such investments or when highet public interests are involved," said Mr. Rifai.

He said the aim of the government was to transfer all public investments to the private sector. 'We are ready to sell our shares

in public projects," he said.
Echoing remarks made by the
Senate Financial Committee, Mr. Rifai said the annual and accumulated debts resulted from a sharp decline in Arab financial aid.

Explaining this point further, the prime minister said: "We had to honour our financial commitments resulting from programmes

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GCC to press Security Council Sharaa visits Iran on shuttle mission

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa arrived in Tehran on Tuesday fot his second visit within a week, three days after a mission to Riyadh where Gulf Arab leaders were discussing the Iran-Iraq

The Iranian national news agency IRNA said Mr. Sharaa delivered a message from Syrian Ptesident Hafez Al Assad to

IRNA gave no details but quoted the minister as saying on arrival that he was in Tehran to follow up his earlier talks with

with Iran to save bloodshed in the Gulf war.

ceasefire in the war.

Mr. Khamenei thanked Mr. Assad for the "brotherly message" and "emphasised the need to strengthen the deep and friendly ties between the two progressive and Muslim coun-

An informed Syrian source in Damascus told AP some sort of

policy statement issued Tuesday covered other significant foreign policy issues but made no mennon of the Iran-Iraq war.

Officials declined to comment

|Prince Hassan begins talks in Ankara

ANKARA (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Ptince Hassan and Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal opened talks here on Tuesday on bilateral relations and means to further strengthen

The talks were attended by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Ministry of Planning Sectet-ary-General Ziyad Faris, On the Turkish side the talks were attended by several cabinet mem-

The Crown Prince, accompanied by Mr. Masri and Mr. Faris. arrived here earlier in the day on

President Kenan Evren. Upon arrival in Ankara aitport. Prince Hassan was received

by Mr. Ozal, a number of cabinet ministers and senior Turkish officials, and the Jordanian ambassador to Turkey. Upon departure from Amman,

Prince Hassan was seen off by Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Cabinet ministers and senior civil and military officials. in addition to the Turkish Ambassador to Jordan.

The Crown Prince's visit to Turkey follows a state visit paid an official visit during which he is also expected to hold talks with earlier this year. The Jordan interest to the entire region.

News Agency, Petra, said the Crown Prince would brief Turkish leaders on the outcome of the Nov. 8-11 extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman.

Another topic to be discussed during the Crown Prince's talks in Ankara is a meeting of Islamic toreign ministers in Amman in March 1988, Petra said the Crown Prince, in his talks with Mr. Ozal on Tuesday, expressed Jordan's keen interest in hosting the conference and said he was looking forward for his meeting with President Eyren for an exchange of views on issues of

Israel continues summary trials and mass arrests of Palestinians

Rabin says U.S. cannot stop expulsion of Arabs

Combined agency dispatches

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -The Israeli occupation authorities on Tuesday continued trials of Palestinians arrested in antioccupation demonstrations that began Dec. 8 and also pursued a mass arrest campaign in the occu-pied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli defence minister.

Yitzhak Rabin, vowed that the occupation authorities would expel Palestinians from the occupied territories despite American and international protests.

Reutet soutces quoted Rabin as telling parliamentary commit-tee: "We know the U.S. posi-tion... we will tell the U.S. We have expelled, are expelling and will continue to expel | Palestinian activists) from the (occupied) ter-

On Monday, officials in Washington warned Israeli

Iraq and Syria said preparing to reopen border

AMMAN (R) - Iraq and Syria are preparing to reopen a long-closed border post as part of tentative moves towards better relations, Iraqi and Syrian

sources said. The sources said work had started on security, customs and immigration facilities at the Tanf post, near where the borders of Syria, Iraq and Jordan intersect. Iragi sources said Syrian and

Iraqi airlines were expected to resume flights between Damascus and Baghdad soon. Word of the preparations came as Syrian Foreign Minister

Farouq Al Sharaa travelled to Tehran for the second time in a week with a message from Syrian President Hafez Al Assad. His visit followed a trip to Riyadh where he was reported to have told Arab Gulf heads of

state that Syria was ready to mediate with Iran to stop bloodshed in the Gulf war. Syria has been Iran's ally in the seven-year-old conflict, but at last month's Arab summit in Amman Mr. Assad agreed to a resolution

condemning Tehran for refusing to make peace. His Majesty King Hussein. who has toiled to mend the rift between Mt. Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said

they had reconciled at the Amman summit. In an interview with the Soviet newspaper Izvestia last week, the King said the Amman summit had made concrete progress in

the way of inter-Arab relations, particularly Synan-Iraqi ties. No official Iraqi-Svrian contacts have been announced, but the two countries have halted mutually hostile media campaigns and restoted telephone links between their capitals. A group of

Synan businessmen visited Bagh-

dad in November.

embassy counsellor Oded Eran against a widespread expulsion of Palestinians rounded up in the wake of the protests.
At least 1,000 Pulcstinians

were detained, on suspicion of organising the protests and to pre-empt further demonstrations on Jan. 1, the 23rd anniversary of the foundation of Fateh, sources told Reuter.

There were plans to expel 50 Palestinians, the sources said.

But foreign ministry spokes-man Ehud Gol suid no decision been made on whether "security" offenders would be banished and if so in what numbers. Political sources said a decision could come at a session of Israel's innet cabinet on Wednesday.

The army's judge advocate general. Brigadier Ammon Strassnov, told Israel Radio there were no plans for mass deportations, saying: "Every case will be dealt with on an individual

basis. Israeli military courts in the occupied territòries_continued latge-scale trials on Tuesday of hundreds of Palestinians seized in recent weeks, most of illem

A military source said fitst reports from the military court in Hebron showed 17 cases had been opened and adjourned until Thursday after all defendants pleaded not guilty. Other trials were under way in Ramallah. Tulkarm and Nablus.

courts were in session and army radio reported 30 cases were heard. Twenty defendants pleaded guilty and were senienced to hetween 20 and 90 days imprisonment and heavy fines.

Evewitnesses quoted by Reuter said army trucks brought at least 50 prisoners to court and in one case seven youths were jailed for organising demonstrations and catrying sticks, described as weapons by the military pro-

Israeli soldier attacked OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R)

- An Israeli soldier was wounded by a Palestinian in the West Bank town of Nahlus on Tuesday, military sources teported. They said the soldier was only

slightly hurt and that troops captured the assailant after wounding him with rubber bullets. Palestinian sources said Israeli

troops continued to make arrests overnight in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No figures were available on the number of new

Outside one tribunal in Nahlus. the largest city in the occupied West Bank, relatives and defence lawyets complained the army was unable to determine where some ptisoners were incatcetated. Inside, a military judge chas-

tised police for failing to gather almost half of the prisoners due to appear. Attorneys said their clients

were being mistreated and could not teceive fair trials in military

There is no use appearing. said Fayez Abu Rahma, one of 5th attorneys from the Gaza Strip who are boycotting the hearings. West Bank defence attorneys said they were considering joining the

In Nablus, crowds of relatives In Gaza City, two military and friends waited anxiously outside military headquarters as about 35 Arabs from two nearby prisons arrived on buses guarded by soldiers with submachine

Ptoceedings also were held at four other locations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In the Gaza Strip, all but 10 of the 60 prisoners tried confessed to the charges and were convicted, officials said. Many received three-month prison terms (Continued on page 3)

Chamber of Industry elects new directors

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Results of the Amman Chamber of Industry's elections for a new board of directors held on Tuesday were pending the conclusion of the vote count which continued through midnight at the Amman Chamber of Commerce.

The 39 candidates, their supnorters and hundreds of representatives of industrial institutions in the Kingdom packed the hall of the chamber as the election committee carried out the vote count. The results were expected to he announced in the early hours of Wednesday.

Industry and Trade Minister Rajai Muasher, who inspected the voting process, urged the elected chamber board to play a more effects and a in the development of the industrial sector

in the Kingdom. He said that His Majesty King Hussein had given the Chamber of Industry a great attention with

his patronage of the 25th anniversary of the chamber's establishment. Dr. Muasher said he hoped that the new council would rise to the level of its responsibility and referred to the support provided by the government for the chamber and industrialists through subsidising production, providing protection for local industries and raising custom fees on foreign products.

The minister said he hoped the elections would produce good representatives capable of proper representation and of safeguarding the interests of industry and the national economy.

Voting began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 6:30 p.m. following which the vote counting started. Representatives of 490 industrial institutions voted out of the total

Thirty-nine candidates competed for the 12 seats; 36 weterunning within three electoral blocs and four were running independently.

with Iran and have called for Full text of summit communique dialogue and friendly overtures as appears on page 2 Syria deploys special forces opposite Israeli-held area

BEIRUT (AP) - Syria has deployed a 700-strong contingent of its elite special forces opposite Israel's self-designated "security zone" in southeast Lebanon, police reported Tuesday.

A police spokesman said the Syrian troops took up positions over the weekend around the Bekaa Valley town of Mashgara. four kilometres north of the "security zone."

The force, according to the spokesman, is equipped with Soviet-made 107-millimetre multi-barrelled rocket launchers. 122-millimetre howitzers and anti-aircraft guns.

The Synans have traditionally maintained some 60 soldiers in Mashgara, 48 kilometres southeast of Beirut.

"Syrian infantrymen have been patrolling the terrain north of the security zone in the Mashgara area since Sunday." added the police spokesman.

Tension has been high throughout South Lebanon in anticipation of Israeli retaliatory action since Nov. 26. That day, a Palestinian commando crossed the border in a mechanised hangglider and shot dead six Israeli troops in an army camp in northern Israel before being gunned

Israel created the "security zone" following the withdrawal further elaboration.

of the bulk of its forces from South Lebanon in the summer of 1985. The narrow strip extends from the Mediterranean coast to the foothills of snow-capped Mount Hermon.

The zone is patrolled jointly by Israeli troops and the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA). Resistance fighters have been launching frequent attacks against these forces in recent

In one of the heaviest engagements, 12 people were killed and 15 wounded following a guerrilla said into the zone last week that provoked Israeli artillery retaliation against Nabatiyeh and other towns in South Lebanon.

Syria maintains 25,000 troops in eastern and northern Lebanese provinces under a 1976 peacekeeping mandate from the Arah League.

Syria deployed an additional

7,500 troops in west Beirut on

Feb. 22 at the invitation of Muslim leaders, in an effort to end three years of militia anarchy. In another Lebanese development, r. live reported that four undernitier met wet, stot Jane in the west Beirut Tuesday.

A brief police statement said the four bullet-riddled bodies were taken to a hospital, without

President Ali Khamenei.

officials. On Monday, a Kuwaiti news-paper said Mr. Sharaa had told Gulf leaders in Rivadh on behalf of President Assad that Syria was ready to carry out any mediation

Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, quoting what it called highlyplaced Gulf sources in the Saudi capital, said Mr. Assad's message had been distributed to the leaders of the six-nation Gulf Coop-eration Council (GCC) and 'will be discussed alongside the sum-

mit agenda. The GCC groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Their summit wound up on Tuesday and called for sanctions against Iran for its refusal to abide by a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for a

Tehran Radio said Tuesday

mediation was taking place but that Syrian officials are silent on the meaning of Mr. Sharaa's A major Syrian government

on the significance of the mission. Mr. Sharaa was in Tehran last week meeting with Iranian lead-

U.S. to consider U.N. naval presence for Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Monday it would be willing to study without commitment a Soviet proposal for the creation of a U.N. naval force for the Gulf if the U.N. Security Council approves an arms embargo against Iran.

United States would oppose any linkage hetween the proposed U.N. naval force and the U.S. task force in the Gulf, which has been deployed to protect U.S.

The Soviets have proposed the creation of a U.N. naval force to police an arms emhargo against

The Security Council issued a statement last Thursday indicating it was ready to begin drafting an emhargo resolution, which

Deputy spokeswoman Phyllis would be designed to force Ira-Oakley said, however, that the nian compliance with a cease-fire resolution approved last July.

> apparently was triggered by an escalation in the Iran-Iraq war. At least 26 ships have been attacked in the Gulf hy Iran and Iraq this month — the most devastating assault on shipping of

the 7-year-old war. Ms. Oakley called a mandatory arms emhargo "the most urgent husiness hefore the Security Council." She said no date has been set for a start on drafting an ahide hy it.

enforcement resolution and she called for prompt action.

White House officials bave heen cool to the notion of a U.N. expressed did not represent a

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said that Secretary The Council statement of State George Shultz had said earlier this month that the United States did not want to reject the Soviet proposal out of hand-

> simultaneously with approval of an embargo resolution. He has also said that the hest way to ensure that an emhargo is effective is to persuade all countries to

Deported Iranians arrive in Dubai

NICOSIA. Cyprus (AP) — A group of eight Iranians deported screaming and threatening suicide from Yugoslavia arrived back in Duhai, in the United Arah Emirates, Tuesday, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported.

The four men, three women and a four-year-old hoy, had arrived in Belgrade from Dubai on Saturday seeking to emigrate to Canada, hut without valid visas.

The Yugoslav authorities deported them on Monday, putting them forcibly aboard a flight back to Duhai as they screamed and kicked in protest.

The Kuwait agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the group arrived in Duhai early Tuesday. It quoted eyewitnesses as saying the group gesticulated violently as they disemharked from the plane, declaring their refusal to he returned to

There was no immediate statement from the authorities in Duhai ahout the eventual fate of the group.

The Canadian emhassy in Belgrade on Monday cancelled falsi-fied Canadian visas found in the group's passports, the Tanjug News Agency reported.

U.N. High Commission for Refugees in Belgrade, said the commission could do nothing for the

status."

Ms. Frleta said they did not have relatives in Canada, return tickets from Canada or enough money to support themselves. She said one of the Iranians claimed to have a hrother in the United States, hut did not know

escape from their country after authorities in Tehran refused to honour medical certificates exempting them from military cal-

force members of the group onto the plane to take them hack to Duhai, the Belgrade airport official told the AP hy telephone. A special police escort was put

with their legs and arms while

naval force to police an arms embargo, but U.S. officials said the cautious interest Ms. Oakley policy change.

Mr. Shultz has said he opposes any plan to create a U.N. force

"They do not have refugee she told the Associated

The male Iranians decided to

lup, one of them said earlier, "Several policemen" had to

aboard the flight to watch the group and prevent any incidents until the plane's landing in Dubai, said the official who refused to be identified by name.
"They punched and kicked

Svetin Frleta, an official of the escorted to the plane, and Belgrade, Tanjug said.

screamed that they will commit suicide," he said, "One of the women appeared to have a nervous breakdown," he added.

The Yugoslav Airlines flight left for Duhai at 11:00 p.m. (22:00 GMT), he said.

The group, which included a pregnant woman, had spent two nights in a transit area of the Belgrade airport.

Earlier Monday, a spokesman for the group said: "Now, the franian police is ready for us. since they know who we are from Western newspapers and TV re-

The spokesman insisted on anonymity.

"There is nothing left for us to do but commit suicide since we would for sure be deported from Dubai to Iran," he said.

Yugoslavia receives and processes political refugees, mostly from Eastern Europe, hut shies from too much publicity because of its sensitive, non-aligned status.

Last year 1,001 foreigners, more than two-thirds of them Iranians, were returned to their original departure airports from

Demjanjuk takes stand to bolster credibility

TEL AVIV (AP) — A flustered John Demianiuk took the stand in his Nazi war crimes trial Tuesday to contradict testimony by another defence witness about his whereabouts after World War II.

Demianiuk's testimony dealt with a minor issue and appeared aimed mainly at holstering his credibility which suffered a blow when he first took the stand in July, often cootradicting himself. In a heated session Tuesday,

the usually placid Demjanjuk repeatedly raised his voice when prosecutor Michael Shaked and presiding Judge Dov Levine ac-

cused him of being inconsistent. naar's testimony At issue was the testimony hy psychologist Willem Wagenaar explanation. "I will tell you only who said last month that Demian-

Demjanjuk said he served with the police in 1951, not 1946. Leaning forward and pointing with his left hand, he repeatedly referred to a hlack-and-white photograph showing him in a German police uniform.

correction earlier. Demjanjuk said he was ill and absent from the court on the day of Wage-

juk served with the German police in 1946.

Asked why he hadn't made the

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But Shaked didn't accept the gently, you are mistaken," he said. "The transcript shows you were here that day," and absent only the next week.

Demjanjuk conceded the error, saying in a loud voice: "If so. I'm only mixing the witnesses and dates up."
Demjanjuk, 67, a retired auto-

worker from the Cleveland area, is accused of being the guard "Ivan the terrible" who operated tbe gas chambers in the Trehlinka Camp in Nazi-occupied Polaod. I couple of weeks.

Abu Nidal group to hand 2 children to father

BEIRUT (R) - A Palestinian commando group led by Abu Nidal said on Tuesday it was arranging to release two young children seized with six adults from a yacht in the Mediterra-

The Fateh Revolutionary Council said in a statement it had been ordered by its leaders to work on moving Marie-Laure, 5, and Virginie Valente, 6, "to France in the nearest possible time to hand them over to their

"Our movement is working with concerned parties to move the two girls to one of the Arah capitals," said the statement delivered to an international news agency in Beirut.

The type-written statement was accompanied by a coloured

photograph of the two girls. The children appeared to be in good health. They were pictured wearing identical dark hrown sweaters and sitting in front of a Palestinian flag.

The statement was signed by Walid Khaled who firs announced on Nov. 8 that seahome Ahu Nidal commandos had captured six adults and two small girls in a seaborne operation off the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

Khaled said those captured were Israelis hut Israel said it had no record of them either as residents or visitors and they were later identified in France and Belgium as European Roman Catholics.

The statement said the decision

to free the girls was taken "in the light of explanations hy different friends in France" and of humanitarian efforts hy some Arah It said the unnamed Arab

states would help move the children "on condition that their safety will he guaranteed without the interference of hostile sides." The youngsters would be moved to an Arab capital accom-

panied hy a group of children of 'Palestinian martyrs", the statement said. It did not elaborate. On Dec. 27 the group said it

would withhold news on the eight captives in order to keep attention focused on unrest in Israelioccupied territories in which at least 22 Palestinians have died this month.

The new statement was an apparent response to a group contact who told French radio on Saturday that the two girls would be released.

Lucien Bitterlin, president of the French-Arab Solidarity Association. quoting a "reliable source", said the guerrilla group would free the girls it the next

Main points of GCC summit statement

RIYADH (R) - Gulf Arah states on Tuesday ended a fourday summit with a call oo the United Nations to implement its resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

lation of the main passages from the final communique: The GCC calls on the international community and especially the Security Council to

shoulder its responsibility in

Following is a Reuters trans-

adopting the measures to implement it (Resolution 598). The council expressed bope that Iran would take - a stand that would respond to the will of the international community and to the call of the Islamic oation to end the war, to make peace and preserve its re-

of the Islamic nation. It calls on Iran to commit itself to the principles of good neighbourliness and mutual respect to keep the Gulf region away from international con-

sources to counter the enemies

It exchanged views on the dangerous escalation which threatens the security and stahility of the member countriesand international navigation. which exposes the region to international conflict.

While stressing the resolutions of the extraordinary summit held in Amman in November which expressed the joint Arab stand toward the war and to which the GCC countries are committed, it expresses its appreciation of Iraq's positive response toward the Security Council resolution and its readiness to implement it.

It notes with regret Iran's attempt to procrastinate on the implementation of the resolu-

The council discussed the Mecca incident and the sabotage caused by the Iranians near the House of Allah and the Iranian missile attacks and aggression against Kuwait which were aimed at destabilising its security and stability, and the Iranian aggression against the Kuwaiti and Saudi embassies in Tehran in addition to the attacks against oil tankers and commercial vessels bound for Gulf ports, which constitutes a violation of international law.

The council expressed its hacking for the Palestinian uprising and support with all material and financial means and requested the presidency to send a letter to U.N. Security Council members on the issue.

The uprising is a new phase which requires the convening of an international peace conference with participation of all concerned parties including the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

The council approved the security strategy and expressed its satisfaction over what has been achieved in the security field. It stressed the necessity of adopting further steps to protect the accomplishments of the council members in security cooperation.

The council approved recommendations of defence ministers on military cooperation and stressed the importance of self-reliance among member countries.

It agreed to allow GCC citizens to practice a number of economic activities in new fields. It also agreed to allow GCC citizens to practice additional professions according to the regulations of liheral professions.

It also ratified the oil loaning agreement.

The leaders mandated the foreign ministers to start official negotiations with the European Community.

They reviewed recent developments in the international oil market and stressed the necessity of preserving stability in the market and the necessity of abiding by the OPEC resolutions by all memher countries and stopping direct and indirect discounts.

The council also expressed its support for OPEC efforts and the commitment of the member countries to abide by individual quotas according to OPEC's recent agreement which aims at preserving prices at \$18 a harrel.

It calls on non-OPEC countries to cooperate with OPEC to achieve stahility in the market hy reducing their surplus production.

It expressed its utmost concern towards protectionist measures especially those which Japan is preparing to implement regarding the imposition of taxes and tariffs on its imports of crude oil and products which will obstruct international free trade.

The council renewed the mandate of Secretary General Abdullah Bishara for one year.

Iranian hunger strikers in Gabon hospital

LONDON (R) — Two of 12 Iranians on hunger strike since they were expelled from France three weeks ago to Gabon, West Africa, have heen taken to hospital, the main Iranian opposition group said on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the People's Mujahedeen Organisation told Reuters that the two were taken to hospital after their condition deteriorated.

BEIRUT (R) - Lehanon's

Falangists on Tuesday mourned

Charles Malik, veteran diplomat

and one of two surviving signator-

ies of the United Nations 1945

Malik, 81, died on Monday

after a long illness. His funeral

will take place on Wednesday in

Christian east Beirut and he will

nite Christian "Lebanese Front.

helped set up after Lebanon's

civil war erupted in 1975, met on

Tuesday to arrange the funeral.

remarks to news media called

his great intellectual and national

role in building the Lebanon of

the three surviving signatories to

attend celebrations marking the

40th anniversary of the signing of

The others were Americao in the country.

the United Nations Charter.

President Amin Gemayel in

be buried in his northern home- became more critical later.

Members of the mainly Maro- 1956-58 under the late President

which Greek Ortbodox Malik Lebanon's first outbreak of hosti-

Malik's loss "a hig one because of Fleet to belp crush Mr. Cha-

In 1985, Mr. Malik was one of war in Lebanon be emerged as

nents.

Charter.

town of Bteram.

the future."

went to meet them and because of Paris and Madrid. his request they agreed to take houids" he said.

France expelled a total of 17 Iranian dissidents and exiles to Gabon, in a move which was seen as connected to the release of two French hostages held in Lehanon by a pro-Iranian group.

The spokesman said hunger strikes in solidarity with the 12 Falangists mourn death of veteran diplomat

Harold Stassen and former Phi-

Romulo, who bas since died.

Malik was a powerful defender

of Arab and Palestinian views as

Lehanon's representative to the

U.N. where be was a member of

the Security Council in 1953-54,

part of the time as its presideot.

But his attitude to other Arabs

Camule Chamoun woo tought

lities between Falangists and pro-

largely responsible for seeking

moun's Arah Nationalist oppo-

major right-wing political figure

and a powerful backer of hardline

Falangist opposition to growing

Syrian and Palestinian influence

With the outhreak of 1975 civil

the assistance of the U.S. Sixth

Mr. Malik was considered

Palestinian opposition.

He was foreign minister in

lippines Foreign Minister Carlos or pro-Syrian politicians or militia

He said three hunger strikers in

Paris and one in London bad been taken to hospital for treatment since the protests began. The hunger strikers are deman-

ding that the refugees be allowed back into France. Paris has said they were expelled hecause they were memhers of the Mujaheeteriorated. Iranians were entering their third deen and "threatened the peace"
"The president (of Gabon) week in London, Washington, in France.

None of Lehanon's opposition

leaders mourned Mr. Malik's

6 killed in Iranian plane crash

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - A training plane attempting to land at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport Tuesday crashed into a residential area killing six people and injuring" several others," the official news agency reported.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), monitored in .-Nicosia, did not give a specific , figure on injuries nor the type of

Iranian warships seize

tankers.

Shipping executives reported early Tuesday. that hours before the convoy passed through the Hormuz, Iranian Navy warships intercepted and seized the 31,205-ton German

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — and seize anything they think U.S. navy warships escorted a would be of value to their enemy. convoy toward Kuwait on Tues- The Gulf-hased shipping executives reported the convoy of

Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf

based in Tampa, Florida, confirmed the report and listed the 401,382-ton Bridgeton, sixth largest tanker io the world, and Iranian port of Bandar Abbas. another reflagged Kuwaiti tank. The Iranians usually intercept er, the 81,283-ton Surf City, in ships they helieve are carrying the convoy along with two navycargo for Iraq, and return them chartered tankers, the Rover and

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EXHIBITIONS

4 An art exhibition by Samir Masheh at the Spanish Cultural Centre · Jabal Amman (until Dec. 31).

☆ An Indian film week at the Royal Cultural Centre daily at 6:00 p.m. (Dec. 26 - 31).

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MUSEUMS

WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

⇒ An art exhibition entitled "The Architect of Mamluk Jerusalem" at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in cooperation with the British Council

An exhibition of photos and documents about the Great Arab Revolt at the Royal Cultural Centre.

INDIAN FILM WEEK

FILM

"Marlene" (colour) at the Goethe Institute at 8:00 p.m. **CULTURAL CENTRES**

Y.W.M.A. 664251 Amman Municipal Library 637111 Univ. of Jordan Library 843555

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Hava Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.
Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaies from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre. Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916, Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9180 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel. 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 2:10 p.m. p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Am-man. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534. 817534.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church | Roman Catholici Jabul Amman, Tel. 624590, Chorch of the Annonciation (Roman Catholic Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel.

637440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic),
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622366
Church of the Annunication [Greek Orthodox Abdalic Tel. 62351] Orthodoxi Abdali, Tel. 62354].
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 678906, chaplain's residence tel. 601359.
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 72121. Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh. Tel. 7752hl. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Ortho-dox) Ashrafich. Tel. 77/751. Amman International Church Uniter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534. Evangelical Latheran Church (Church

Evangelical Latheran Cherch (Church of the Good Shepherdi Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m., Rev. N. Smir, Icl. 811295
Rainbow Congregation Inneets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenical English Service: Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Icl. 822605. Rev. Veli.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264.

FOR THE TRAVELLER

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

QUEEN ALIA

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Kuwait (R) Los Angeles. Chicago. London, Geneva (RJ)

18:45 Riyadh (RJ) 18:50 New York, Amsterdam (RJ) 19:30 Sydney, Kuala Lumpur (add.) 1RUI 23:55 Baghdad (RJ) OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

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21:00 Frankfuri (LH)
21:46 Paris, Damascus (AF) Tripoli, Damascus (PK)

DEPARTURES HOYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS

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MONEY EXCHANGE

Tuesday rates Halian lira
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U.K. sterling pound.
U.S. dollar

PRAYER TIMES

14:18 Maghreb 18:03 WEATHER

It will be cloudy to partly cloudy, with scattered rain at times. Winds will be northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and Min./max. temp. 4 / 10 7 / 19

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 9, Agaba 17, Humidily readiogs: Amman 74 per cent, Agaba 30 per

German freighter in Gulf

including the supertanker Bridgeton for the first time since it hit a mine during the first U.S. convoy of reflagged Kuwaiti

freighter Norasia Pearl. They said it was taken to the

U.S.-flag tankers heing shepherded by U.S. Navy warships through the strategic Strait of

The U.S. Central Command,

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Fire headquarters ... 622090-3
Police rescue ... 192, 621111, 637777
Police headquarters ... 639141
Traffic police ... 89636091
Electric Power Co. 636381/4, 624881
Municipal water complaints ... 771125/8
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HOSPITALS

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NIGHT DUTY

AMMAN: Dr. Arafai Al-Ashhab Dr. Adel Dabdoub Dr. Yousel Hourani

Dr. Akram Sirhan Dr. Akram Sirhan Firas pharmacy Ferdows pharmacy Al Asema pharmacy Nairoukh pharmacy Al Salam pharmacy	894611 661912 787356 637055
TAXIS: Kayvali taxi Taxina taxi Tamet taxi Raghdan taxi Raqab taxi Sayel taxi	644000 666467 842400
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Apple (French) 400 350	Lemon	160 / 10
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	Tomatoes	160 / 100
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enators praise King's efforts to phold struggle of Palestinians

buse members express total support for government measures

owing are summaries and excerpts from speeches by members of Upper House of Parliament (Senate) made at Tuesday's session ing which the Senate debated and unanimously approved the 1988

nator Hassan Al Kayed

:nator Hassan Al Kaved delid a speech in which he deed the government's budget ed unanimously earlier this th by the Lower House of jament. He said the figures in hudget may have sounded ounding," but that figures not important since hudgets a matter of principle and

f we looked at the figures, would frighten us... as they v an expansion in spending, ncrease in the deficit and a ive decline in revenues. But gets are not a question of res or calculations; rather are a matter of policies and ciples that should be assessed heir own, and which cannot alued with calculations and es," he said.

r. Kayed told the Senate that ore rushing to a judgement reaching conclusions, we ld look into the circumsts of the budget and its bur-We should look at the

der policies in the context of te difficulties and challenges policies are facing. We ld look at a hudget in a rehensive and total manner, ginto consideration that it is itegrated unit."
urthermore," he added.

budget is like general policy; its aims and goals. Thus, we ld not limit our judgement to bort-term goals without coning the long-term goals."

nator Kayed defined the of the Kingdom's budget as -ding the promotion of enty and progress for an ated national society that is e with civilisation and com-d to the Constitution as a

said the budget's priorities ded spreading education, ...cting unemployment, estabg export outlets and supng basic commodities as part e state's responsibilities.

Kayed said supporting the and security forces was a use to the call "for survival xistence." He said supportne judicial system was also mant in order to "safeguard e living."

nator Kayed said that "our st wishes as we study the et and its figures is to see an ated Arah financial support people that are destined to confrontation with the peolost hostile to this nation, o have a balanced budget ut deficit, loans and hur-

said he also wished that "we me the search for new natusources for revenue so as to ne self-sufficient and to enge industry, support agriculand help the farmer." In on, he urged a limit in the tation of food products and ssed hope that the Jordalinar will remain "a healthy are for the national ecoby keeping it strong."

at the top of all wishes is iss the river and witness the 1 and achieve the aspira-

his speech, Mr. Kayed said Imman Arah summit was tory for this country as King. nment and people." He said mmit conference adopted a of moderation and middle d among Arabs. The senaud the summit considered estion of the occupied terrias the central national "which is a victory for us,

se the land is ours and the is ours and the responsibilr its liberation is this counnistoric responsibility."

ator Ali Hassan Odeh

ator Ali Hassan Odeh d in his speech His Majesty Hussein for his efforts that the Arab summit confer-1 success. He said that this success was achieved by His ty's hard work and con-

n positive that our governwill go ahead to execute its in accordance with the ives of His Majesty King in, to support our people rethren in the occupied ters, to strengthen their steadss and deepen their ability

to protect their Arah national identity.'

Palestinian struggle against the Israeli occupation and expressed pride in their sacrifices paid in confrontation with the mad occupier's assault.

Mr. Odeh praised the government's hudgel: "I give my thanks and appreciation to the government of Mr. Zaid Rifai for its ambitious programme aimed at providing public services and raising their standards in the field of education, health, agriculture, energy, labour, social development, tourism, information and culture.

He congratulated Mr. Rifai, Finance Minister Hanna Odeh and his Cahinet colleagues.

Senator Ahmad Tarawneh

Senator Ahmad Tarawneh said that several elements converged to affect the Kingdom's hudget, including imhalances in the world financial markets; the halt in dialogue hetween industrialised nations and developing countries; threats to national security in the Arah region: Iran's continued rejection of peace efforts in its war with Iraq; the expansion of this war to Gulf states and Saudi Arabia; the growing Israeli threat, its appropriation of Palestinian lands and the monstrous aggression against the Arab citizens in the occupied territories; and the decline in Arab aid.

Senator Tarawneh said the government has been able to bypass all these problems by forming a budget that gives a bright picture of our country and its capability to develop and overcome difficulties under the leadership of King Hussein.

He said the financial committee's report came as a result of a study of the general budget law, the speech by the minister of finance, the House Financial Committee's report and the prime minister's response to the report. hased on a rich reserve of information and proposals which facilitated the committee's work.

Senator Mohammad Odeh Al Qar'aan

Senator Mohammad Odeh Al Qar'aan urged the government to give farmers the same privileges accorded to industries in the Kingdom. He said millions of dinars were being spent by the government to subsidise failing industries, and that part of the money spent to support one factory could have gone a long way in supporting an agricultural en-

Nohody is against industry or its encouragement if it was estab-lished on a sound economic hase. Economists have always said that that the economic structure begins with agriculture. Our trade delegates go all over the world tyring to market our non-agricultural products. Why not send similar delegations to market our farmers' produce?" he asked.

He said the farming sector in Jordan has been supported in different ways at different stages, but that this support "has not heen feasible nor effective. I am no expert on economics... I am only a witness of what is being said and heard."

Mr. Qar'aan said that supporting agriculture should not be an aberration: "It is a measure implemented by all developing and developed countries."

Senator Hazim Nusseibeh

Senator Hazim Nusseibeh delivered a speech in which he said that the general hudget is a reflection of the recommendations and basis outlined by King Hussein, originally inspired by the Great Arah Revolt which aimed at the "unity of our Arab Nation, its liberty, the safety of its land, and its development and progress." He also praised the national development boom which, he said, is currently gripping Jordan, placing it in the lead of developing countries of the world. He cited as proof the growth of the country's national budget over

the years. Senator Nusseibeh added that the increasing responsibility to-wards external and internal secur-of the whole Arab Nation, as of the prisoners.

ity, as well as the steadfastness of well. He said further that the Palestinians in the occupied territories, should be a "joint Arah responsibility," since, at a time when distance has ceased to be a hindrance to attacks, all Arab countries are threatened, regard-Senator Odeh hailed the less of whether they are confrontation states or supporting

Mr. Nusseiheh called for the hacking of national production towards the goal of self-sufficiency in all fields, whether agricul-

ture, manufacturing or services. He also called for more concentration on the marketing of agricultural and manufactured goods if "we expect for these two sectors a great production boost," eventually insuring sufficient national production and large markets.

Senator Salem 1bn Najjad

In his speech to the Senate, Senator Salem Ibn Najjad praised King Hussein's efforts in building the "modern Jordan," and his continuous work towards achieving a united Arah stand during what he described as "difficult times.

Senator Ihn Najjad said that he supported the government's hacking of the Armed Forces and the security departments, since they have proved extremely

effective in fulfilling their roles. He also praised King Hussein and his government for the support given to Palestinians living in the occupied territories, who he said, should be "saluted for their courageous steadfastness against the Israeli occupation author-

Senator Ihn Najjad also called upon the government to "concentrate its efforts on creating more agricultural projects in the south of Jordan.

Senator Barjas Al Hadid

Senator Barjas Al Hadid, in his speech, expressed thanks to King Hussein for his dedication to achieving Jordan's aspirations in development and safeguarding the country's security and stability. He also praised King Hussein's continuous endeavours to unite Arab ranks and achieve the aspired-for Arab solidarity, saying that it was the only means for countering the challenges fac-

ing the Arab Nation.
Senator Hadid thanked His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for his efforts in consolidating and strengthening the march towards economic and social development.

On the Jordanian national economy, Mr. Hadid said that indicators are positive and that the value of the Jordanian dinar in stable. He noted with satisfaction that there has been a growth in the gross national product (GNP), an increase in deposits and a decrease in the halance of trade deficit, and attributed these developments to the government's efforts to encourage investment in the Kingdom.

However, the senator referred to the unemployment problem. noting that it is no longer a structural problem, and, thus, is not restricted to university and community college graduates. The unemployment problem has gone heyond these categories to reach all other sectors." he said. Mr. Hadid called for deligent effort towards improving this

In addition Senator Hadid called on the government to increase its allocations for Armed Forces, even if such an increase entails postponing other projects. He paid tribute to the progress achieved by the Armed Forces in terms of training, equipment and the application of modern tech-

Mr. Hadid also called for sup-porting the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories, whom he said, are facing the Zionist enemy with their chests and stones. He added that the uprising of the Palestinians, who are equipped with great will and determination, was a living symbol of the Arab people's rejection of attempts at containment and hegemony aimed at Judaising the Arah land and evicting the Arab people and weakening their will

and steadfastness. On the Iran-Iraq war, Senator Hadid called on the Arah Nation to support Iraq in its just war, hecause the war threatens not only the security and stability of

brutal Iranian aggression is not but a part of a Zionist plan aimed at weakening and dividing the

Arab Nation. Mr. Hadid concluded his speech by thanking the govern-ment for its untiring efforts to prepare the budget.

Senator Akram Zu'aitar

In his speech to the Senate. Senator Akram Zu'aitar stated support for the government's efforts, be they financial or political, to assist the struggle of the Palesunian people in the occupied territories. He noted that the hudget report called on all countries, including the United States, to desist from supporting Israelis financially, militarily and politically until it responds to calls for

Mr. Zu'aitar praised King Hussein's concern over the events in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, pointing in particular to King Hussein's directives to the government to accord payments to the families of victims of the recent uprising.

Senator Zu'aitar said that His Majesty's recent visit to the Soviet Union, was, in his own opinion, a political conquest, which he hoped would yield fruitful results to the henefit of the entire Arah Nation, and in particular to the Palestinians.

Mr. Zu'aitar said that the River Jordan had never been and would: never be a dividing line between the Arah peoples on the East Bank and on the West Bank. 'The river will always remain a symbol of the unity of the peoples on both hanks. The history of the Palestinian national movement bears witness to the fact that the Arabs on the East Bank have always supported the Palestinian cause and joined in its march," he

In addition, the senator called on the government to curh unnecessary expenditures and set an example for the people by expending moderately.

Senator Rashid Ureiqat

Senator Ureiqut praised in his speech the heroic struggle of the people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip who are facing the Israeli army with their bare chests and stones and called for establishing an Arab fund for supporting the Palestinian peo-ple. He said that the Arab and Muslim nations were facing a fierce Zionist attack directed against the Islamic religion and values and the Arah Order, in an effort to curtail Arab-Muslim unity, which is feared by Zionists.

Had the Arah and Islamic World given its unique and strategic geographical location, its Islamic religion and the huge human resources and natural wealth, united, it would have posed a major threat to the whole world and would not have become a consumer market for the world's factories and industries," the senator said.

Israel continues summary trials

(Continued from page 1) for stone-throwing, while some got 20 days for taking part in a

demonstration. No witnesses gave evidence and no family members were allowed to watch the proceedings

Israeli Chief of Staff Dan Shomron was quoted as saying Tuesday that the army now has more troops in Gaza than it took to take from Egypt and occupy the refugee-packed zone 20 years ago. It also doubled the number of troops in the occupied West Bank, he said.

Palestinian lawyers from the West Bank announced later Tuesday they will join their Gaza Strip colleagues and boycott the trials as of Wednesday morning, Israel Radio reported.

The radio quoted an Arab attorney, Jawad Bulus, as saying the trials were held immediately after the prosecution presented its evidence.

In Washington, the State Department declined to comment on the complaints.

But State Department spokes-woman Phyllis Oakley told reporters that the United States expected Israel to ahide by interna-Iraq, but the security and stability | tional standards in the treatment

European tourist visits to

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan has concluded a number of agreements with European countries aimed at encouraging tourists to visit archaeological and touristic sites in the Kingdom, according to Ms. Hiyam Al Khatib, head of the tourism marketing department at the Tourism Authority.

increase

She said that these agreements were concluded during a visit to the United Kingdom by a Jordanian delegation, in which it took part in an international tourist exhibition.

Taking part in the exhibition held in the first week of December were more than 1,500 countries and tourist companies, Ms. Khatih noted.

She said that at the exhibition, Jordan highlighted its tourist potentials, such as the spas, like the Zarqa Ma'in Spa, which offer therapeutic benefits, and desert and archaeological sites, among other attractions for which the country is famous.

Agreement was reached with representatives of tourist authorities in the U.K., West Germany and other Western European countries attending the exhibition on ways to dispatch tourist groups to Jordan, Ms. Khatih said.

In addition, she said the national air carrier, Royal Jordanian, in cooperation with Jordanian tourist and travel agencies, presented its tourist programmes the exhibition.

Tourist representatives from Jordan and Egypt met and agreed on joint plans for marketing in Western Europe their countries' attractions through package tours, according to Ms. Khatih.

During the exhibition, Ms. Khatih met with officials in charge of tourism marketing in Britain to brief them on Jordan's tourism policies and facilities. The Jordanian delegation to

the exhibition grouped representatives of the Tourism Authority, Royal Jordanian, the Jordan Hotels Association and tourist agencies in Jordan.

Donations start coming in for special W. Bank fund

AMMAN (J.T.) — A popular committee formed to arrange the collection of contributions for the families of Palestinian martyrs who fell in the recent uprising against the Israeli authorities' repressive measures in the occupied West Bank has announced that it has already raised JD 8,000 for the humanitarian cause.

member of the committee which citizens to contribute generously was formed last Friday, said that the JD 8,000 sum came in an expression of support for and initial contribution from a group solidarity with their brothers and of citizens.

He said that the committee has opened a special account for con-

Sheikh Mohammad Shaqra, Sheikh Shaqra appealed to all to the families of the marryrs as sisters living under Israeli rule.

The committee includes: Mr. tributions with Islamic Bank. Ra'ef Nijem, Lieutenant-General

Khaled Tarawneh, Mr. Abdul Razzaq Al Fayoumi, Mr. Mousa Shihadeh. Mr. Mohammad Yousef, Mr. Ali Tabbaa, Mr. Abdul Latif Mar'i, Sheikh Ahmad Minwer Al Hadid, Mr. Hassan Nouri and Sheikh Shaqra.

His Majesty King Hussein last week directed the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs to allocate monthly salaries to the Palestinian families whose children were killed by the Israeli authorities during the recent up-

The move was seen as another bid by Jordan to support the steadfastness of the Arab people living in the occupied territories.

Baghdad with Mr. Issam Al Jala-

bi. Iraqi minister of oil, with

whom he agreed on increasing

the quantities of Iraqi crude ex-

ports through Aqaba to reach,

The minister said that Taha

Dakhqan returns after concluding land transport talks in Baghdad

Transport Ahmad Dakhqan re- during the visit with Dr. Abdul turned here from Baghdad on Tuesday after heading Jordan's side to the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company's general assembly meeting held in the Iraqi capital.

In a statement upon his return. the minister said that the general assembly discussed the company's operational plan and budget for 1988 and decided to purchase an additional 150 trucks, to raise the total number of trucks owned by the company to 900. The cost of the additional trucks would come to JD 3 million, according to Mr. Dakhqan.

The minister said the general assembly decided that the company trucks should begin transporting cereals, in addition to oil and oil products, from Agaha to

During his stay in Baghdad, Mr. Dakhqan said he met with his Iraqi counterpart, Mr. Mohammad Hamzeh Al Zubeidi, with whom he reached agreement on dispatching more Iraqi trucks to transport goods for import to Iraq from Agaba, on facilitating the flow of Jordanian trucks through the common border points and on providing petrol stations to assist

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Mr. Dakhqan said he also met Tawwah Al Mulla, the Iraqi minister of heavy industry, and discussed the prospect of exporting Iraq's fertilisers to other countries through Agaba.

> Agreement was reached during the meeting on the exportation of 200,000 tonnes of Iraqi fertilisers through Agaha in the near future as a first step.

It was also agreed that Jordan should allow a piece of land near the Agaha port to serve as a storing ground for Iraqi (ertilisers on their way for export via Agaba, the minister pointed out.

Yassin Ramadan, Iraq's first depury prime minister, has asked him to convey greetings to Prime Minister Zuid Rifai. Mr. Dakhoan and Mr. Ramadan, in their meeting during the

12.000 tonnes per day.

visit, reviewed Jordanian-Iraqi cooperation which is currently being conducted through the joint Jordanian-Iraqi Higher.

RJ to add Miami to U.S. route

By a Reporter

AMMAN - Royal Jordanian (RJ) has been granted the right to add Miami to its U.S. route system by the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. This southeast gateway is an

additional RJ desilination to the U.S., complementing the existing stations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

The carrier will commence operation on May 3, 1988 with two between Amr weekly flights. A TriStar L1011 in July 1977.

aircraft will be utilised on this route with an intermediate stop. Miami is believed to be of great importance to RJ Holy Land pilgrims; plus, winter vacationers are the prime target passengers for this route.

With this addition, RJ will have covered the most important geographical areas in the U.S. It is worth mentioning that RJ inaugurated its first-ever direct flight between Amman and New York



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Arrows point to growing danger

THE United States and Israel are expected to develop jointly Israel's Arrow anti-tactical hallistic missiles (ATBMs) with the U.S. paying 80 per cent of the development costs and Israel 20 per cent. The 'Arrnws' would have a range below 300 miles and, therefore, would nnt be covered under the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty signed in Washington nn Dec. 8. The ATBMs' capabilities, the American and Israelis say, chuld change the military balance in the Middle East and protect Western Europe against very short-range hattlefield missiles.

Well, with the reports of Israel possessing the 1.450 kilometre-range Jericho II missiles capable of reaching distant Arah capitals and key Soviet naval bases on the Black Sea, the balance looks already heavily tilted in favour of the Zionist state. However, the Arrow ATBMs are seen as an effective reply to the alleged deplnyment of Soviet tactical ballistic missiles by Syria. But the ATBM concept seems to have a wider strategic dimension beyond the needs of the military environment in the Middle East. By declaring Israel a "majnr nnn-NATO ally" in January this year, the U.S. administration might have sought to confer upon it the role of active partner in pursuing military

The U.S. pressure nn Israel in August to drop the multi-hillinn dollar Lavi fighter-bomber project was necessarily connected with the prospects of developing the ATBMs which, perhaps, would provide additional nuclear teeth to Israel in the overall global strategy of the U.S. But the crux of the problem is that the development of the ATBMs is part of Israel's participation in the U.S. strategic defence initiative (SDI). The Soviets object to the SDI hecause it goes against the letter and spirit of the anti-ballistic missile (ABM) treaty, signed between the U.S. and the Soviet Uninn in 1972. According to the Soviets, therefore, the Arrows legitimacy is circumspect. However, the ABM treaty has a weakness that would tempt anyone to broadly or narrowly interpret it the way one wants. The ABM treaty does not prohibit development of anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons and ATBM systems — defence against nuclear missiles that have less than continental range — both of which essentially use the technology required to destroy ballistic nuclear missiles. Though ASAT and ATBM are excluded from the ABM treaty, it prohibits interference with other nations' satellites. The fear is that the SDI programme could be conducted against satellites using systems that have lower performance capability than needed for an ABM system.

Be that as it may, Israel is not a signatory to the ABM treaty, nor has it signed the nuclear nnn-proliferation treaty; so there seems in be nothing that would prevent it from developing technologically exotic systems, given the funds from America. U.S. largesse to Israel in this respect is a hywnrd, and the U.S. is always confident that Israel will do on its behalf what it is not supposed to dn according to the ABM treaty. Besides, the introduction of mass-produced Arrow ATBMs into Western Europe will also allay the enneem of the NATO allies nver balancing the Warsaw Pact countries' preponderance in conventional weapons in the wake of the INF treaty, designed to aholish the Pershing II and cruise missiles frnm Europe.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

AI Ra'i: GCC success is vital

THE SUCCESS of the Nov. 8-11 Amman Arab summit seemed to have paved the way for a successful meeting of the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Rivadh. These leaders are meeting to discuss their position with regard to the Gulf conflict and Iran's persistence in continuing its aggression on Arab territory. When the Amman summit meeting opened last month the Iranians fired a missile on Baghdad, and when the present GCC summit opened they fired a missile on a Saudi oil tanker in a show of disregard to the Arab leaders and their decisions. The Iranians are trying to make it clear they totally reject any attempt to stop the war, and any moves towards reestablishing peace in the Gulf region. This is a clear sign to the world community that Iran continues to reject U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 and refuses to implement it in any form. In the light of this stand we believe that the Rivadh summit is of paramount importance and the Arab leaders meeting in the Saudi capital ought to take practical steps to stop the war and to agree on measures to repel aggression on their countries and Iran's expansionist ambitions in the Gulf area. A successful summit in Riyadh will no doubt complement the work of the Amman summit and boost the Arab Nation's stand in the current difficult circumstances and in the light of the looming dangers. A successful Rivadh summit will no doubt help stem foreign designs of imposing hegemony on the Arab region and boost the Arab Nation's potential, enabling it to confront any challenges.

Al Dustour: Inaction encourages Israel

THE ISRAELIS seem to be determined to go ahead with applying more repressive measures in the occupied Arab territories in a bid to stifle the spirit of resistance among the Arab people. As the Arabs step up their activity against the occupation authorities, we see fiercer Israeli campaigns being launched against them in an attempt to stem all forms of resistance. The Israelis are now involved in imposing curfews on Arab towns and refugee camps and laying siege on others as the campaign of arrests and trials before military courts continue unabated. Collective punishment against the Arabs is now being practiced in the most flagrant manner against its residents of the Jabaliya refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip despite repeated protests from officials from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and with total disregard to human rights and international condemnation. This Israeli onslaught on the innocent civilians presents another evidence of the barbaric nature of Zionism and places the world community face to face with its responsibility. Another arbitrary measure being practiced against the Arab population under Israeli rule is the threat of deportation to the East Bank of hundreds of young men who had taken part in the recent anti-Israeli demonstrations. Israel is threatening to carry out this practice in order to try to end all forms of tesistance to occupation while knowing that the Arab World cannot and will not do anything to stop such action. For this reason, we call for speedy assistance and diplomatic moves to be taken in support of the Arab population and to expose Israel's atrocities.

1987 — a year that ends on a hopeful note

By Philippe Naughton

LONDON — A meeting between the two most powerful men in the world and the signing of the first pact to eliminate an entire class of nuclear arms sparked hopes that 1987 could come to mark a turning point in superpower relations.

The December summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev gave an upheat climax to a year which saw famine again threaten the lives of millions of Africans and in which a stock market crash wiped out an estimated \$2,000 billion of paper wealth worldwide.

Reagan and Gorbachev said that in their three-day meeting they strengthened a relationship that would promote dialogue rather than confrontation between their traditionally hostile political systems.

For Reagan, the summit came as a diplomatic triumph after a nightmare of a year that included the Iran-contra scandal, loss of a Republican majority in the Senate from last January, the Wall Street crash, prostate surgery and his wife's breast cancer surgery.

The summit brought no spectacular breakthroughs but pro-duced what it was scheduled to do the signing of a superpower agreement to abolish mediumrange nuclear missiles, and analysts said this was by itself an historic success.

On strategic arms, there was modest but steady progress to-wards the goal that NATO and the Warsaw Pact have already approved - a halving of superpower arsenals.

The two sides announced agreement on one key figure for missile warhead ceilings, and appeared to temporarily shelve their differences on the controversial U.S. "Star Wars" programme for anti-missile defences.

It remained unclear whether they could complete a strategic arms pact in time for a fourth summit in Moscow in the first half of next year.

Reagan's problems

Throughout the year Reagan faced problems of the sort that could confront any second-term president, but these were aggravated both by the continuing saga of the "Irangate" scandal and by a Democrat-controlled Congress.

sharply criticised Reagan for his decision to offer protection to Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf and rejected two of his nominees for a place on the bench of the supreme court.

Fired White House aide Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North became a media star when he testified to a congressional committee conducting televised hearings into the scandal over the diversion of funds to Nicaraguan contra rebels from the sale of arms to Iran.

"I'm here to tell you the truth. the good, the bad and the ugly. I'm here to tell it all," North told a spellbound America. His six days of televised testimony sent a wave of "Olliemania" across the United States.

The congressional report on the Iran-contra scandal released in November said Reagan must

take responsibility for the sale of were published. U.S. arms to Iran and the diversion of some profits to the contra rebels even if he did not know what his aides had done.

"The ultimate responsibility for the events in the Iran-contra affair must rest with the president," it said.

Reagan's economic headaches began early in the new year, and got steadily worse. In January, the first-ever trillion dollar U.S. budget worried financial markets - already concerned that the United States bad become the world's biggest debtor.

Investors were also unsettled because the near halving of the dollar's value since 1985 had not

cut the massive U.S. trade deficit.
Finally, in October, they decided it was time to bail out. On "black Monday," Oct. 19, Wall Street stocks plunged 22.6 per cent. Other markets followed and by the end of the year the dollar had hit record lows against the mark, yen and Swiss franc.

The crash of 87 was a shock to the system that deeply worried economists and politicians.

Other global financial problems persisted. Nobody could decide what to do about the \$1,000 billion debt crisis.

Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, decided it was fed up with the old prescriptions of austerity to enable it to keep up its debt payments, and suspended payments to its bankers.

Based on uncertain prospects for timely repayment, bank accountants decided many old loans to the Third World were not worth as much as they had

Some due-dates on debt were postponed again, and economists kept warning that unless a more permanent solution could be found, the debt crisis could still push the world into a recession.

But 1987 was not all economic doom and gloom. In the art world, prices went up and up. In November, Vincent van Gogb's 'Irises" painted in a mental asylum just under a century ago, fetched \$53.9 million, becoming the most expensive painting ever sold at auction. Eight months earlier, his "sunflowers" had set a world record of \$24.75 million sterling (about \$40 million).

High note for Gorbachev

For Kremlin leader Gorbachev, 1987 seemed to be ending on a high note with his visit to Washington and the signing of al congress in October. the INF treaty.

from the Communist Party's policy-setting Central Committee for a major reshaping of economic programme, starting from January 1988.

During the year he also brought other reform-minded figures into the party's ruling polit- surgency, which has cost more buro, clearly strengthening his than 8,000 lives, by agreeing to own position at the top of the allow thousands of Indian troops Soviet power structure.

And despite a continuing de-

But close to the surface at the year-end there was nevertheless a sense of unease among both intellectuals, who had been a strong source of support for the Kremlin leader, and ordinary Soviet citizens.

Muscovites grumbled more parliament. openly that despite the promises of reform, there had been no noticeable improvement in food supplies.

Gorbachev's standing among the liberal intelligentsia and some workers had been weakened by the dismissal in November of Moscow party chief Boris Yeltsin, a radical reformer long regarded as one of his chief lieutenants.

Many educated Soviets were sbocked by the humiliation of the official at a meeting addressed by the Kremlin chief during which Yeltsin confessed his errors after ertswhile aides had accused him of political and other offences.

And among more traditionallyminded Soviet citizens, there was clear displeasure over what they saw as the extensive concessions made hy Gorbachev to the United States in his bid to achieve the INF treaty.

On his return from the summit, he appeared defensive in explaining the accord in a television address. And his armed forces chief-of-staff was subsequently brought in to assure the country that the military hacked the treaty.

The Asian scene

There was political turmoil in many Asian countries in 1987 nowhere more so than South Korea where street protests forced President Chun Doo Hwan's military-dominated government to agree in late June to reforms and the first free presidential election in 16 years.

The opposition appeared to be in a strong position to win the election on Dec. 16 but the two leading opposition candidates insisted on running and the split anti-government vote gave government candidate Roh Tae-Woo an easy victory.

In China, January 1987 saw Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang being forced to quit after nationwide pro-democracy student protests. However, the hardline veterans behind his disleader Deng Xiaoping to relinquish power at the party's nation-

Meanwhile national day At home, he had won approval celebrations on Oct. 1 were marred by riots in Lhasa over Chinese rule of Tibet.

Security forces opened fire on a management, a key element of crowd attacking a police station. his "perestroika" reconstruction The official death toll was put at six but some Tibetans said as many as 19 people died.

Sri Lanka tried to solve its four-year-old separatist Tamil inon its territory.

The agreement, signed in Colbate on what the extent of his ombo in July by Sri Lankan Presi-"glasnost" policy of open discus- dent Junius Javewardene and Insion on public issues should be, dian Prime Minister Rajiv Ganthe Soviet press became more dhi, has been opposed by hardoutspoken on domestic problems line Sinhalese, as well as the and long-banned literary works powerful Tamil Tiger rebels.

against whom the Indian forces are conducting an offensive.

In Bangladesh, an opposition campaign to force the resignation of President Hossain Mohammad Ershad led him to order a state of emergency, the first since 1974. and dissolve the 17-month-old

In the Philippines, President Corazon Aquino reintroduced democracy with a general election and a new constitution.

She fought off a serious coup attempt by military rebels who had mutinied twice before and faced a worsening communist insurgency but she successfully hosted a regional South-East Asian summit meeting many had said would never take place.

The Middle East

In the Middle East, the Gulf war dragged on into an eighth year with Iran and Iraq apparentdeadlocked, both on the battlefields and over political moves to end the conflict.

Diplomats in both capitals estimate Iran has around a quarter of a million men positioned close to the southern war-front, threatening an imminent attack on Iraq's second city Basra.

Iraqi military spokesmen say Basra's defensive shield, with greatly superior air power, is more than enough to repulse any attack. A big Iranian thrust towards Basra was thrown back last

At the United Nations, Iraq has accepted a Security Council demand for a ceasefire but Iran will not consider doing so unless Iraq is first named as the aggressor state.

In the Gulf itself, Iraqi and Iranian raids on shipping reached a peack this year - marked by the entry of U.S. naval forces to the Gulf - with a confirmed total of at least 130 ships hit by missiles and mines. At least 70 merchant seamen have died in the attacks.

In late July, more than 400 people, most of them Iranian pilgrims, were killed in fights during an Iranian demonstration near Islam's holiest shrine in Mecca.

Palestinian deaths during nearly two weeks of anti-Israeli protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza in December have been condemned both by the Jewish state's traditional foes and its friends. The protests missal were persuaded by senior spread to Arab towns inside

Central America

In Central America, pessimism has given way to the euphoria generated by a regional peace plan signed in Guatemala on Aug. 7. The plan won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for its principal author, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

But the plan failed to bring about ceasefires in the three civil wars which have killed an estimated 200,000 people in El Savador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. Ceasefire talks between left-wing guerrillas and the goveruments of El Salvador and Guatemala foundered over the antagonists' unwillingness to budge from long-standing posi-

tions. There were on-again. off-again

practice throughout the six states.

moved toward a common market

by abolishing customs tariffs on

their foreign ministers to begin

negotiations with the European

Community on the first phase of a

In Washington, State Depart-

ment spokeswoman Phyllis Oak-

ley said Monday the United

States remains committed to

moving the Middle East peace

process "forward." "Our views on

the peace process are clearly and

well known." Oakley told repor-

cooperation agreement.

imports.

Formed in 1981, the GCC has

The leaders also instructed

ceasefire talks between Nicaragua's left-wing government and right-wing rebels armed, trained and financed by the United States. Regional analysts saw little hope for an early end of the

Nicaraguan war.

In the wake of the peace plan - signed by the presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras - the antagonists in all three of the region's conflicts reported a

marked upsurge in fighting. The five presidents are due to meet again on Jan. 4 to assess progress in implementing their plan and "make the pertinent decisions. "There is widespread doubt that the meeting will result in a breakthrough.

Europe

In Europe, there were echoes of older enmittes. On Aug. 17, Rudolf Hess, the last surviving member of Hitler's inner circle, committed suicide in August after 40 years in West Berlin's Spandau Prison. Spandau itself was demolished immediately afterwards to stop it becoming a neo-Nazi

In France, former S.S. commander Klaus Barbie, the "butcher of Lyons," was sentenced to life imprisonment in July after being found guilty on 340 separate counts including the torture of resistance fighters. The trial of the former Gestapo chief rekindled long-suppressed memories of Nazi occupation.

Africa

Some of the worst news of the vear came from Africa. According to the United Nations as many as six million Ethiopians now face famine because of drought and their country needs more than a million tonnes of food aid. In Mozambique, the government says, 4.5 million of the 12 million inhabitants are short of food.

Relief agencies have identified 17 other African countries in need of food because of crop failure resulting from drought, locusts and war.

Starting with Mauritania in the west the drought belt, shaped like a question mark, stretches east across the continent to Somalia then bends south to Swaziland.

It sweeps through Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Angola, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Botswana.

Mishaps and disasters

There were several bad air crashes in 1987. Crashes in Detroit and Warsaw each killed over 150 people. The last weekend of November was the most gruesome. A South African Boeing 707 crashed into the Indian Ocean near the Island of Manntius killing 160.

Next day, a Korean Airlines 707 with 115 people on board disappeared over Burma. South Korea said a mid-air explosion destroyed the plane.

On Dec. 7 a Pacific Southwest Airlines plane crashed in California. killing all 43 people on board. Investigators who found a gun in the wreckage suspected a murder-suicide plot by one of the passengers.

In February, mudslides caused by an earthquake killed 1,000 near Quito in Ecuador.

A month later, 188 people died when a British ferry, the Herald of Free Enterprise, capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge. In late December, a Manilabound ferry with at least 1,500

passengers aboard sank off the central Philippines after a collision with another ship. Some of the world's great musi-

cians died during the year. In June, Andres Segovia. generally regarded as the world's greatest classical guitarist, passed away in Madrid, aged 94. He took the classical guitar from the gypsy haunts of his native Andalusia and almost alone elevated it to its honoured place on the

concert stage. British cellist Jacqueline du Pre died in October, 14 years after the crippling disease multiple sclerosis forced her to abandon her concert career at the peak of

international success. In December Jascha Heifetz, the Russian-born virtuoso violinist, died in Los Angeles at the age

of 86. Hollywood also lost some of its legends:

 Fred Astaire, the epitome of ... elegance who danced his way through 31 musical hits, in June. aged 88.

- Comedian Danny Kaye, superb mimic and star of stage. screen, television and cabarets... for more than 40 years, in March aged 74.

— Liberace, who put sparkle

into the classics and charmed na Faso, Niger, Nigeria. Chad, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zaire, with his dazzling smile, rippling at [11] Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, keyboard style and outlandist wardrobe, in Los Angeles in-February aged 67.

LETTERS

never mind the stop sign

To the Editor:

through the stop sign. A student died.

This, of course, was going to happen sooner or later, as none of the authorities seems to know what a stop sign is, much less enforce it. If the authorities don't respect them, why should anyone else? Have you ever seen a policeman stop anyone around here for running a stop sign? No. Rather than position themselves at some of these intersections or patrolling some of the schools and neighbourhoods where spoiled children are roaring around in their fathers' Mercedes, they much prefer to play with their radar equipment at insignificant places on the freeways, or the even more leisurely activity of checking licenses - three or four policemen to a car.

go on the freeway where there is an 80 km speed limit, when you can go the old way through Schneller Camp and Ruseifa densely populated - but no speed limit? Go 120 and no one will stop you). I know that, with the exception of the radar, the law of the jungle prevails. Buses, army vehicles and cars regularly plough through the dirt divider in the middle of the freeway to make a U-turn. Apparently that is OK, even though the abundance of vicious wrecks and overturned vehicles suggest that maybe making U-turns in the freeway isn't a good idea. If you aren't bashed in the left lane, look out for the right lane, where services and buses feel quite free to stop in the middle of the lane. The light poles on the freeway come crashing down regularly and

I suspect, is a lack of discernment on the part of the authorities of what is really happening out there in the 'war" zone. This. coupled with a lackadaisical attitude towards what is important, breeds contempt in the drivers for the laws of the road. Some time ago we all braced ourselves for the crackdown on seatbelts. The crackdown never happend, and I suspect that seatbelts nowadays are treated with about the same regard as stop signs - why

are touched by some punk blasting through a stopsign.

Rob Robertson, Post Box: 4105. The Idea

Apatriate

Bousin fur.

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GCC to press U.N. for sanctions on Iran mies of the Islamic Nation," the always expressed toward other

(Continued from page 1)

Kuwait has accused Iran of firing seven Silkworm missiles at its oil installations since September in retaliation for its support

The meetings were attended by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah of Kuwait, Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa of Bahrain, Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan of the United Arab Emirares, Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd of Oman and Sheikh Khali-

fa Ibn Hamad Al Thani of Qatar. The GCC summit also voiced criticism of Iran's aggressive acts agains: Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and welcome for an international naval force to protect Gulf ship-

The conference urged Iranian leaders to "abide by the principles of good neighbourliness"

and accept Resolution 598. "The Gulf Cooperation Council regretfully noted that Iran has been prevaricating over the U.N. resolution... and the council demands action by the Security Council and the world community to implement the resolution." the leaders said in a communique

issued after their final meeting. "The council hopes that Iran will respond to the call for peace and spare the blood of Muslims. so that our potentials may be directed against the (israeli) ene- and commitment as the GCC has

statement said. Prince Saud told the news con-

ference after the session that the GCC "welcomes an international naval force to protect shipping in the region's international wa-

He was answering a question about reported U.S. willingness to study creation of such a U.N. The summit communique also blamed Iran for rioss in Mecca last July in which hundreds died and the subsequent storming of

the Kuwaiti and Saudi embassies in Tehran, which remain in the hands of the Iranian government. Prince Saud said the summit had no plans to launch its own peace initiative or send delegations to Tehran or Baghdad as it

has after previous summits. "The mission we are backing is that of the Security Council," he

King Fahd warned in an opening speech that if the war continued to escalate, countries of the region could be compelled to call on foreign powers for help. Prince Saud said the GCC had

not sought military help from Egypt, the largest Arab country with whom GCC states recently reestablished diplomatic ties. But he added: "We hope Arab commitments toward the Gulf states express the same concern

Arab states." The summit approved a joint

security strategy designed to counter threats from internal subversion and a spillover of the war. Officials said it set broad outlines for the exchange of intelligence, training of security forces and coordination of command structures and communications sys-

The summit pledged material and moral support to the Palestinian uprising in the occupied ternitories this month and urged a solution to civil strife in Lebanon. The leaders hailed the Palestinian demonstrations as "heroic

resistance and firm steadfast-They said they would "extend all support within their means

to the Palestinians. They also said the "new situation makes it imperative to hasten the convening of an international peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations." with the Palestine Liberation Organisation taking part "on an equal footing" with all other involved parties.

The leaders re-elected GCC in Bahrain.

Secretary General Abdullah Bishara for a one-year term and agreed to hold their 1988 summit in Palestine." In the economic sphere, they

The State Department spokesman had no specific comments to a question concerning a reported statement by King Fahd urging Iran to join Arabs in trying to liberate Jerusalem from Israeli occupation.

King Fahd accused Iran on Monday of seeking to impose alien ideologies on fellow Muslim nations in the Arab World to the detriment of the Arab struggle against Israel. A news story the king said Iran was "directing arrows at our hearts instead of helping us to liberate Jerusalem and the Arab Islamic territories

Pressed for a comment on King Fahd's words, as quoted in news expanded the list of professions accounts, Oakley said: "I'm not which GCC citizens are free to commenting on his comments.

Your licence please;

I AM sure there has been no dearth of articles written about the traffic situation in this country, and I am sure that my letter will have about as much weight as the previous ones - negligible.

While I applaud whoever has been responsible for building roads, getting stoplights up, etc., the maddening contradictions that we all see on the roads every day all but cancel out my appreciation for the positive things that have been done. One recent tragedy has prompted me to write this letter, which has been simmering in my insides for a long time anyway. I refer to the accident at the Rabia intersection several weeks ago in which a school bus was creamed and flipped over by a child speeding

Going back and forth to Zarqa every day, (by the way, why

the authorities can't put them up fast enough. There are hundreds of contradictions, and the basic problem,

Well, maybe some of the authorities will start "bothering" with substantive things rather than cosmetics when their own lives

Rifai, in reply to Senate Financial Committee, outlines measures aimed at achieving national objectives

Following is the text of a speech by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai to the Upper House of Parliament (Senate) during Tuesday's session of the Senate during which the Senate unanimously approved the 1988

Mr. Speaker. Honourable senators.

I am pleased to start my speech by voicing the government's deep appreciation and gratitude to the House speaker and the members of the House's Financial Commitlee and its rapporteur Dr. Khalil Al Salem for their report on the 1988 fiscal budget. I also express appreciation for the ideas and proposals contained in that report which reflects the committee's wast experience in various aspects of political, pan-Arab and econo-

mic affairs. This report contains full comprehensive analysis of the domestic situation and the regional and international circumstances developing around us and also includes an appraisal of the Jordanian government's achievements .pn the domestic and external

The process of development has been long and hard but the accomplishments were rewarding and on the level of genuine efforts and diligent work. Howevar, Jordan has a long way to go to infil its major aspirations and we ire going ahead, a united Jordanian family rallying behind the Royal Hashemite standard folowing in the directives of our eader and abiding by his guiiance and wisdom and depending on the determination and the resolve of the citizens of this country and their struggle to

mild a strong nation. The bands which build up this country and exploit its soil join orces with those bands which are mtrusted with the task of protectng the Kingdom's independence ind safeguarding its achievenents and bolstering the security and tranquillity for the Jordanan people. This integration beween the civil and military intitutions has always served as a asis for building up a strong - nation and will remain the basis - ko for progress and develop-

The process of building up our

domestic front has never obstructed our efforts on the Arab and international fronts. Jordan which inherited a deep rooted and nationalist oriented mission believes in inter-action and integration with sister Arab states and also believes in openness to the world and has faith in cooperation and dialogue with all friendly nations. As a result of this strategy we bave gained genuine credibility and attained a high standard among world na-

King Hussein's continued endeavours in rallying Arab ranks and unifying Arab countries in the face of dangers threatening the Arab Nation's existence and identity have been crowned by the Amman Arab summit that achieved consensus and agreement among Arab countries and won constructive and positive response by the leaders of the Arab

The Arab Nation was unanimous in its decision on defending the Arab Order and preserving security and peace for the Arah Nation. The Arab leaders have thus led their nation into a new era which is bound to strengthen hopes for the fulfilment of the nation's aspirations and aspired

As the Arab Nation's hopes are corroborated with the outcome of the Amman summit we feel that the coming stage requires further meetings for unified action. Following 20 years of occupation and repression the Arab people of Palestine are still steadfast in their land defying the Israeli occupation authorities through continued national uprising in defence of their dignity and the their rights. His Majesty King Hussein has repeatedly warned the international community of the dangers inherent in Israel's continued obduracy and stubbornness and its rejection of all bids for a permanent peace. The King also warned against Israel's terrorist practices and all forms-of

repression against our brethren in the occupied lands. The explosive situation in the occupied Arab territories, now more than any time in the past, calls for convening an international peace conference to be attended by the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and all parties concerned with the Arab-Israeli conflict, to bring about a total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, to secure

and just peace in the region. We send greetings to the steadfast people of the occupied lands and pledge to remain staunch supporters for their struggle assisting them in any possible way.

the legitimate rights of the

Palestinian people and pave the

way for a comprehensive, durable

On the other hand, Iraq has been defending Arab soil for more than seven years and protecting the eastern wing of the Arab World with honour and determination to defend Arab identity. Jordan for its part and since the first instance of the war, has stood by Iraq in its legitimate self defence and has supported the Iraqi people in their quest to end the conflict by peaceful means. Jordan calls for the imple-mentation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 in order of its provisions and demands that all other measures be taken in this matter to stop the war and prevent it from spilling over to the rest of the Arab Gulf region and from endangering world peace and security at large. Mr. Speaker,

Members of the Upper House of Parliament.

The Jordanian government agrees with the Financial Committee's views about analysis of the complicated international and regional situation and its adverse impact on our domestic situation and appreciates the committee's statement about achievements accomplished in this country despite these circumstances.

The government is keen on protecting our achievements and will continue to employ all availtheir benefits to all public sectors tions. Although the 1988 budget and throughout the Kingdom's provides for purchases, no step

The 1988 budget which reflects the government's plans for the coming year agrees in its dimensions and its objectives with long range strategies and policies, and takes into consideration the various means that allow this country to adapt to changes and new developments.

In this context the government's plans and programmes are coordinated and are in conformity with the national principles.

As to the remarks made by members of the Financial Committee, I would like to sum up my comments on them in accordance with their sequence:

a) The government took note of the recommendations in the committee's report about modernising the budget law with a view to coping with the fast development going on in the King-dom and to be in harmony with the financial situation and developing financial sciences. The government has laid down the main basis of a new budget law and it will present it to Parliament as soon as a final version has been

b) The government is keen on reducing expenditure and controlling public expenses. It maintains constant coordination and contact with all official departments in the country to ensure this: policy is carried through in matters connected with current or capital expenditure and to see that all funds are spent on matters that contribute to bolstering national economy.

At present the Royal Commission on overhauling the civil service system is currently involved in revising the financial system and the state policy on procurement with the purpose of defining new principles and laying new foundations for controlling the process of purchases. At the same time the government has decided to carry out a comprehensive survey of its assets, machinery able resources for bolstering and equipment, with the purpose national economy and increasing of ensuring sufficient equipment

> le organisation responsible for Mr. Rifai said the government

Senators and Mr. Rifai agreed that the 1988 budget was a "draft for hope" and that it was a reflection of keenness to maintain and further improve Jordan's socio-economic and financial achievements.

sured by numbers, but through the policies and principles it en-

accomplishments and distributing for all departments and instituwill be taken in this respect before a survey is conducted to determine the exact needs.

> c) The government agrees with remarks about striking a balance between revenues and expenses and its impact on the monetary and economic affairs in the country. The government, while working out its evaluation of local revenues, aims first to collect these revenues by all means at its disposal taking into consideration the economic putential resulting from public expenditure and resulting from policies aimed at stimulating the national economy in all its aspects. Local revenues are used to cover current expenses; and we also take care to cover capital expenditure within a general and comprehensive de-

> velopmental strategy. The government seeks to employ its revenues in laying the infrastructure and creating appropriate climates for investments with the purpose of en-hancing the national economy's productive capacity so as to meet the local needs of commodities and services. This policy also aims at enhancing our power to market national products in foreign countries, a process which is bound to corroborate Jordan's balance of trade and its balance of payments and is also bound to create more jobs for people of different specialisations and skills and strengthen our power to attract Arab and foreign capital

to be invested in the Kingdom. d) All laws should be flexible and capable of change and adaptation to varying circumstances and developments. The legislative and executive authorities have been cooperating in modernising numerous legislations and laws, a process which has had its beneficial impact on the development of various sectors.

The government involves the private sector in Javing down laws connected with economic and social activities in the Kingdom. In order to work out a new companies law, the government has set up a technical committee grouping representatives of the public and private sectors, to prepare a draft law as was mentioned in the financial committee's report. The committee bas worked out this draft law which has been sent to the Legislation Bureau at the prime minister's office for the finishing touches.

The bureau has completed work on 220 items out of a total of 360 items of the new draft law and it is boped that the completed version will be referred to parliament in its current session.

e) The government continues its efforts to support and develop the agricultural sector. The govemment has organised the process of production and marketing of products and applied the agricultural patterns system offered farmers prices to encourage production and to belp them achieve rewarding results. These policies are aimed at reducing imports of products that can be produced locally. The government in addition has been directing the operations of the Jordan Agriculture Marketing and Processing Company to open new markets for our

products and has been increasing Jordan's agricultural exports to Arab states through bilateral trade agreements, and is now involved in studies for setting up food processing plants. In fact tenders have been awarded to companies to set up such plants.

concentrated on unifying credit operations by confining this process to one department that can deal directly with farmers. The government continues to handle all problems encountered in the agricultural sector and helping the agricultural sector to contribute more to the margin of domestic production.

f) The government has adopted a policy of encouraging individual initiatives and the policy of integration between the public and private sector in the country's economic and investment affairs, because the government is keen on preventing harmful competition between the two sectors in the field of investment.

In addition the government participates in all projects in construction, tourism, and trade specially in the absence of private sector contributions in these fields or when the higher national interest requires such participa-

The government of course aims at transferring these investments and this participation to the private sector and is ready to sell its shares to this sector so that government attention could be focused on promoting services for loans within safe and interna-

The government's efforts are Cabinet members attend Tuesday's session of the Upper House of Parliament (Petra photo) the citizens and the country as a whole. In this connection, we call the private sector to take more initiatives in promoting investment, production and marketing of national products within con-

> In order to maintain our credibility in our dealings with Arab and friendly nations of the world we ought to honour our financial commitments on schedule. We have worked out our military and economic programmes in a manner to enhance the Kingdom's steadfastness in the face of Zionist danger along the longest confrontation line by depending on Arab financial assistance as provided for in the Arab summit conferences. But due to a drop in the Arab aid and in the light of the government's duty to honour

enient climates.

so did the cumulative deficit with the result that the country is now facing heavier internal and exter-The government is however, keen on maintaining sevices on

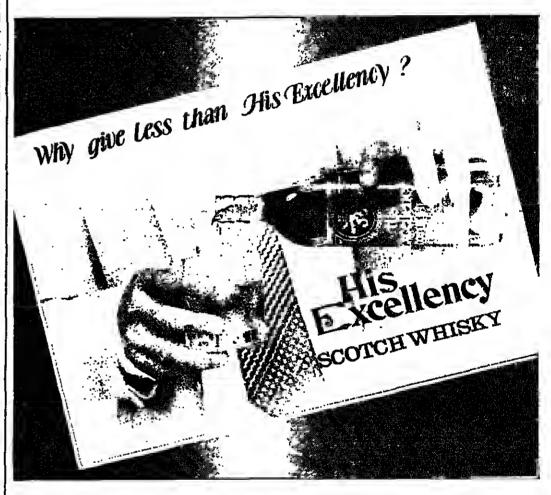
its commitments on schedule, the

annual deficit has increased and

tionally acceptable limits. The government is keen on utilising loans in the productive sectors which are capable of increasing our hard currency reserves.

The government is pleased to share with the committee its gratitude to Saudi Arabia and other Arab states which continue to provide assistance to us and we hope that other Arab countries which had not been able to honour their commitments to pay their arrears. The government is keen on employing all amounts coming in from Arab countries to pay back loans and so reduce the public debt.

I would like once again to extend thanks and appreciation to all House members and the Financial Committee and all those who spoke during this session, for their useful views and proposals, which reflect the sense of responsibility and the sense of duty, and their belief in cooperation between the legislative and executive branches of government for achieving the best results in implementation of the King's directives,





Senate unanimously endorses 1988 budget er backed by a strong call from adopted by government depart- markets and increase subsidies

eared towards strengthening the

ountry's economic and military apabilities. He also renewed previous govrument pledges to maintain the rvicing of the Kingdom's public lebt within the safe and interna-

ease ionally accepted limits. At the ame time, be said, we are Stop hannel them into production ectors that increase foreign curency reserves.

However, in light of the suc-essful outcome of the Nov. 8-11 xtraordinary Arab summit meet-. .1g in Amman. officials and paramentarians are certain that trab countries would meet the ulk of their overdues in financial id made to Jordan. Hence, the 988 budget contains an expected per cent increase from the 987 Arab aid of JD 120 million. This confidence was reflected 1 the 1988 budget and was furthon all Arab leaders to fulfil their pledges. According to the commirtee, the total outstanding Arab aid is \$5 billion.

Both Mr. Rifai and the committee expressed deep appreciation for Saudi Arabia's consistency in meeting its commitments to

Mr. Rifai said the government agreed with the statement made the committee and similar remarks by senators on the need to "tighten the links between the volume of revenues and expenditures and their economic and financial effects." He stressed that the government, when presenting estimates for local revenues, was trying to be as much

The committee and Senator Akram Zuaitar mildly criticised the government for what they viewed as a "luxurious" style

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machines and equipment and called for a view of such "current expenditures and to rationalise capital expenditures on con-

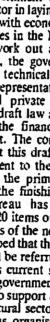
sumed items. Mr. Rifai said a special study was being prepared on equipment and vehicles owned by govern-ment departments and the goverument would act in accordance with its outcome and avoid extra

He also said the Royal Com-mission for Administrative Development was studying the possibilities of a united system for the department's purchases and supplies to control the process of

Senators Hasem Nuseibeh, Mohammad Odeh Al Qaaraan, Salem Ibn Najadrashid Uraikat, Hassan Al Kayyed, and Ahmad Al Tarawneb called on the government to further support the agricultural sector, find more agricultural credit facilities.

was continuing efforts in this direction. The adoption of a fixed cropping pattern to solve marketing gluts, putting encouraging prices for certain produce and opening up new marketing outlets through the task of the Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company of Jordan, were among the government's measures, he said.

The budget is not to be meavisages." said Senator Kayyed.



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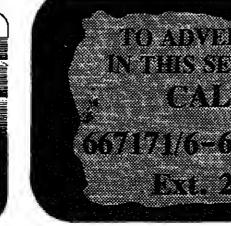
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The 83-footer, which travelled the 630 miles from Sydney Harbour in two days 21 hours and 58 minutes, was chased home by Gazebo, skippered by America's Cup veteran Syd Fischer, which made up much ground in the closing hours of the race.

Gazebo, formerly Ragamuffin. finished 36 minutes behind the aluminium-hulled Sovereign. A coast of Tasmania towards

MIAMI (AP) — Steve Grogan

threw for 238 yards and two

touchdowns as the New England

Patriots, eliminated from the

National Foothall League (NFL)

playoffs a day earlier, heat the

Miami Dolphins 24-10 Monday

night in the final game of the 1987

Grogan, playing with a broken

bone in his left hand, connected

with Irving Fryar for a 3-yard

score after a Miami fumble and

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HOBART (R) — Australian third Australian maxi, Apollo, crossed the finish line in midafternoon. 21 minutes behind

> Helsal Two, an Australian pocket maxi, was expected to finish next, being 9.5 miles from the Derwent River.

Conditions improved for the 150-yacht fleet on Tuesday after the southerly gales that hit the fleet in the Bass Strait on Monday. Light north-easterly were easing the yachts down the east

Grogan, concluding his 13th year in the NFL, completed 21 of

Both New England and Miami

finished 8-7, one game behind

AFC East champion Indianapo-

lis. The victory was the Patriots'

third straight this season and fifth

Tony Collins ran five yards for

the final New England touch-

down, and Tony Franklin kicked

a 31-yard field goal to give the Patriots a 24-3 halftime lead.

in a row against the Dolphins.

32 passes.

Beyond Thunderdome, a onetonner from Sydney still 103 miles from the finish, is currently leading the race on corrected time.

Sagacious V, another Australian boat, is second with New Zealand's Mad Max third.

In the Southern Cross Cup, for which 33 of the fleet are competing, Australia tead New Zealand with New South Wales in third place and Hong Kong fourth.

The race record of two days, 14 hours and 36 minutes was set by American yacht Kialoa in 1975

Supersonics zoom high

SEATTLE (AP) - Rookie centre Olden Polynice heard the criticism from Seattle Supersonics coach Bernie Bickerstaff, got mad and did something about it.

"I took it personally," Polynice said of Bickerstaff's secondperiod critique, then helped Seattle overcome an 18-point deficit Monday night in a 108-100 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

"They were just killing us. 1 got real mad and said it's my fault and I'm going to correct it."

Polynice scored eight of his 12 points and pulled down five of his team-high 11 rehounds in the third quarter to cut the deficit from 63-54 at the half to 79-78 at

the end of the quarter. Polynice stole a pass to open the fourth quarter and Derrick McKey scored to give the Sonics their first lead of the game at 80-79 and Seattle was never headed.

The game was one of only two played Monday night in the NBA. In the other game, Phoenix whipped Philadelphia

Xavier McDaniel scored 30 points to lead the Sonics to their eighth straight home victory. Dale Ellis added 21 points and Sam Vincent dished out 10 assists for Seattle.

AHMAD AL HELAL and Fahed Al Rashed of Kuwait in their Mitsubishi Pajero Turbo are the leading contenders to the 1987 Marlboro Desert

Challenge, the final round of which is held today in

stages repeated twice and spread powerful vehicles such as the Kuwaitis' 3640-cc Mitsuhishi and the Qataris' 3532-cc Range Rover rather than the Alayans 1998-cc Daihatsu Rocky. Mosawi has chalked up 22 points in the Swaqqa and Daha.

Four-wheel drivers cruise through Jordanian desert today

Kuwaiti and Bahraini events. However, rally experts expect the husband-and-wife team to put up a real hattle for the \$10,000 first prize and say they won't be surprised the least if the couple do win the Jordan event and thus hag the top position, But Malhas and Bisharat, who have an excel-lent record in rallying with Iwowheel vehicles, are seen as a strong challenge to the Alavans. Ironicalfy, a Malhas or a Bisharat victory wilt not earn either of the Jordanian drivers the trophy since neither of them have taken part in the two earlier rounds to acquire any

Today's event, which kicks off from Alia Gateway Hotel at 9 a.m., involves a total distance of 312.82 kilometres of which 192.3 kilometres are in three special

in the deserts between Queen Alia International Airport and Dhihan, through Mudeisisat,

The Royal Automobile Club of Jordan (RAJC) deserves special praise for its "excellent professional" organisation of the rally in record time, according to Nigel Heneghan, a joint spokesman for Marlhoro, the umbrella sponsor of the overall challenge, and British Petroleum which sponsored the individual events in Kuwait and Bahrain as well as today's final round.

The praise is well-deserved since the RACJ, under the expert hands of its General Manager Derek Ledger, indeed enjoys a high reputation for organising excellent rallying events in Jordan and this reputation is one of the factors that has projected the Kingdom as a strong candidate for inclusion in the world championship series designated by FISA, the international authority

in motor sports. An RACI team of marshals, stage clerks, communications and computer experts and officials is supervising the Jordan Desert Challenge.

Challenge is the first annual event of its kind organised in the Mid- to withstand heavy strains and dle East. Though this year's championship was limited to three evenis, the 1988 challenge whole exercise. will be a five-round championship and will include Jordan and Oman, Heneghan said.

According to rally enthusiasts of the group since one of the in Jordan, the main reasons that special stages stretches over 72 limited to seven appear to be the power and endurance are the key non-availability of rally-type to sustain speed and control over four-wheel drive vehicles on short such a stretch, according to rally notice in Jordan, which boasts experts in Jordan,

The desert challenge will feature seven Jordanian entries, four Kuwaitis, Qatari and Bahraini over 30 regular rally cars of which about 10 are high-powered, purpose-huilt machines from Europe and Japan.

Apart from Malhas, Bisharat and Jamil Nasser, the other Jordanian entrants are Marouf Abu Samra and Tareq Bukhari in a 1998-cc Daihatsu Rocky, tmad Abu Eisheh and Ihrahim Abu Eisheh in a Nissan Pickup, Edward Kiriakos and Walid Kiriakos in a 3576-cc Toyota Land Cruiser and Ibrahim Salman and Ghassan Shami in a 993-cc Suzuki SJ 10.

The six non-Jordanian entrants include Kuwait's Eid Al Falah (29 points) and Sadeq Ashkanani and Tareq Al Wazzan (20 points) and Khalid Khalifa in Range Rovers identical to the Alayans. Heneghan said several other wellknown drivers from the Gulf. including Michel Saleh of Kuwait and some of the Saudi veterans. had dropped out at the last minute from taking part in the Jordan event. He said eight of the 18 entrants in the Kuwait event made it to the finishing point while nine of the 12 vehicles finished the race in Bahrain.

The rainy weather and the heavy nature of the Jordanian desert sand — which is notorious for extracting a high toll on light vehicles — are expected to draw the hest out of the four-wheel The 1987 Marlhoro Desert drive machines today. But then, four-wheel vehicles are expected prove their might - that is one of the main commercial aims of the

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tt is by a sheer coincidence that

Jordan is hosting the event, which

was originally scheduled to be

held in Oatar in November but

was shifted to the Kingdom after

organisational problems de-

in the final list of participants for

today's Jordan Desert Challenge,

which brings together four drivers from Kuwait and one each from

Qatar and Bahrain. Leading the

Jordanian entrants for the chal-

lenge are veterans Abdul Ilah

Said Malhas (co-driver Keith Fer-

ry) whose powerful 3,532-cc Land

Rover has been a regular chug-

ging feature for almost every rally

in Jordan with a slow-and-steady-

finishes-the-race record, and for-

mer national champion Hani

Bisharat (co-driver Fawzi

Sawalha) in a 1,987-cc Toyota

Hilux and Sharif Jamil Nasser

(co-driver Ousama Marar) be-

hind the wheel of a massive

1.441-cc GMC Pickup. Ahmad Al Helal and co-driver

Fahed Al Rashed of Kuwait,

driving a Mitsuhishi Pajero Tur-

bo, is leading the overall standing

with 36 points for the three-round

1987 Marlboro Desert Challenge.

They won the first round held in

Kuwait in October and were

placed third in the Dec. 18

Trailing close behind is the first

husband-and-wife team from the

Gulf, Tariq and Khulud Al

Alayan of Kuwait, with 31 points.

However, the real battle for the

championship is expected to be

between Helat and Qatar's Ahhas

Al Mosawi and co-driver Mubar-

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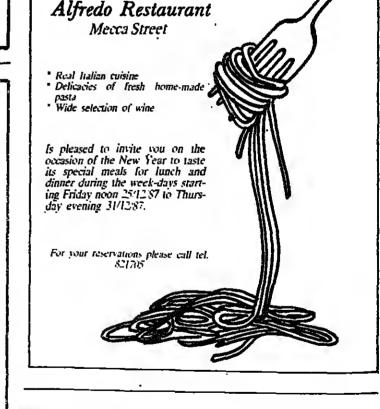
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ASHINGTON (AP) — The Camdessus and endorsed in June the 151-nation lending institution ernational Monetary Fund at the seven-nation economic said in a statement ting up a special \$8.4 billion id to belp its poorest member tions meet their financial

The new fund, proposed last

at the seven-nation economic said in a statement. AFI announced Tuesday it is summit in Venice, brings the amount of aid available for these hard-pressed nations to \$11.4 bil-

Some 62 countries, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa, are prove their balance of payments ir by IMF Director Micbel eligible for the easy-term loans,

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for eading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One Sterling One U.S. dollar

1.8645/55 1.3045/55 1.5900/10 1.7896/7906 .2845/60 33.30/35 5.3880/3930 5.8300/50 6.2600/50 1300/50 489.90/490.40 U.S. dollars Canadian dollar Deutschemarks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs ltalian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns

One ounce of gold

LONDON STOCK MARKET

ONDON (R) — Sbare prices stood sharply lower in late London rading in response to the continued weakness of the U.S. dollar, with sentiment further undermined by another downturn on the J.S. stock market this afternoon, dealers said.

At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 63.7 at .727.4 on a reported volume of a fairly modest 233 million shares raded by 1500 GMT.

Dealers said the market believes the weakness of the dollar will and equity prices around the world lower for the rest of the reek. A lack of fresb bid news also helped to sap interest, they

Dealers returned from the Christmas holiday in bearish mood fter the fresh downward slide in the dollar, Wall Street's sharp ell-off overnight and Tokyo's collapse on Saturday. They said these combined factors prompted some investors to

ske profits in the wake of the three-week rally which saw the TSE 100 within nine points of 1,800 at the close last Thursday. he FTSE 100 was last at 1,800 just after the October slump.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1987

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: As communicating with others which he year draws to a close you'll have a opportunity to look back at past sistakes and see clearly where you rent wrong. With this new insight, ou can make a plan which will even many new concertunities ARIES (Mer. 21 to Apr. 19) You see some interesting ideas about ow to add to your present income, of you must work out the prob-ms connected with them first. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) An lea that someone gives you may at its seen worthless, but if you look fore closely you'll change your aind. Get out and socialize.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) ind a way to deal with a difficult oworker that will make you more flicient in your own job. Buy somehing thoughtful for your mate.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to ul. 21) Get in touch with an associate early today and arrange recreation. Bring your mate long, and you'll benefit greatly. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) If you inite any guests into your home toey, make sure they are trustwor by. Get practical matters arranged ith your kin, despite delaya. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) on't write or say anything when

could later be used against you. Be sure to drive with the utmost care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get advice from an expert before dealing with any financial or tax matters. Be sure you maintain you poise in any conversations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If

you want to get a very practical person to agree with your ideas, be ame you have all the correct facts and figures before you begin.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you agree to do some work for snyone, be sure you are both agreed

on the compensation to be received. Work on improving your property. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)
Plan some amusements for the days
shead, but don't neglect other
promises you have made. Try to be
more understanding of your mate.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
If you invite any guests into your
home, don't discuss financial matters or trouble could ensue. Take
the time to arrange your schedule.

the time to arrange your schedule. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A good friend can show you how to get the assistance you need, and may let you in on a bargain. Show your gratitude to this person.

The loans — to carry an annual

interest rate of just one-half of

one per cent — would help the

countries "undertake strong

three-year ... programmes to im-

positions and foster growth," the

(African) and other low-income

members facing as severely un-

favourable external economic en-

determined precisely how much

each industrial nation would be

asked to contribute to the new

In the past, the administration

of U.S. President Ronald Reagan

plished is a clear indication of the

urgency that the international

community attaches to finding

solutions for the problems of its

poorest members and testimony

to the cooperative spirit that pre-

vails within that community," the

be in addition to an existing \$3

billion fund set up in March 1986

to help the poorest of the world's

poor nations make payments on

Poland urges

WARSAW (AP) - The govern-

ment announced Monday that it

will restructure income taxes, in-

troduce a value-added tax next

year, and endorsed a budget con-

taining a deficit equivalent of

The government also

Finance Minister Bazyli Samo-

lik told the parliament, or Sejm,

that the budget deficit in 1988

would rise to 369.6 billion zlotys

(\$1.17 billion) compared with a

current 300 billion-zloty (\$952

Mr. Samojlik said that to avoid

a further increase in the 1988

deficit, it is necessary to limit

investments and curb subsidies

for state-run enterprises, while

He added that the government

would unveil by Juoe a plan to

"restructure the tax system"

raising taxes paid by factories.

announced that inflation was 26

tax reform

The money in the new fund will

IMF statement said.

old loans.

\$1.17 billion.

per cent this year.

million) deficit.

largest share of the bill.

The IMF said it had not yet

statement said.

the 1MF.

Union has judged Saudi Arabian wheat "healthy and nutritious" and bought large quantities of it, the newspaper Al Riyadh reported Tuesday.

It quoted Sheikb Saleh Al Suleiman, director of grain silos, who said an initial 50,000-ton shipment of Saudi wheat was already on its way to Moscow. It also said 300,000 tons recent-

ly went to the People's Republic The programmes would be worked out by each country with The shipment of wheat to the Soviet Union was seen as a cau-The countries would not have

tious, non-diplomatic bridge to to begin repaying the loans for Moscow. 51/2 years and then could spread out the payments over the next 41/2 years, the statement said. In announcing the new fund, the IMF cited 'the large needs of

Saudi Arabia began experimenting with low-water wheat cultivation in desert areas about a decade ago.

Critics claimed the practice

S. Arabia exports wheat to Soviet Union, China RIYADH (AP) - The Soviet was unjustifiably costly, and the United States in recent years offered instead to sell wheat to Saudi Arabia at considerably lower costs. Saudi Arabian officials rejected the suggestion as an attempt to meddle in the king-

dom's domestic affairs.

Saudi officials say that experimentation has brought wheat cultivation costs down to almost the level of those for American

The Saudis last year donated wheat to Egypt, which until recent centuries was so ricb in wheat it was called "the granary of Rome.

Other Arab countries also received shipments of Saudi wheat. Full details of the Soviet wheat deal were not immediately avail-

Prices of basic commodities post 624% rise in Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — Prices of basic items like eggs and soap, tea and rice increased more than sevenfold in Lebanon this year, according to an economy ministry

has suggested that nations with The survey said 30 basic comlarge trade surpluses foot the modities went up by an average of 624 per cent from the begin-The large volume of resources ning of the year up to midthat have been mobilised and the December. speed with which this was accom-

Cheese prices rose by 463 per cent, eggs by 723 per cent, soap and detergents by 600 per cent, meat by 500 per cent, tea by 700 per cent, coffee by 312 per cent, rice by 805 per cent, cereals by 775 per cent, said the survey, published in local newspapers on Tuesday.

The prices of many goods in Lebanon have been rising almost weekly, sometimes daily, this year largely because of a collapse in the value of the Lebanese lira.

The lira has lost more than 82 per cent of its value this year, fuelling inflation to an estimated 700 per cent.

Love affair with dollar continues

Meanwhile, while much of the world shys away from the dollar, Lebanon's love affair with it continues unabated. Youngsters wear T-shirts with

the legend: "I love you, dollar." Pets and even a restaurant have been named after the greenback. The American currency, widely accepted here as a bedge

against inflation, has entered the lives of the Lebanese and turned them into a nation of speculators. Once, when the dollar's value dropped sbarply, a dozeo people were reported taken to bospital with heart attacks.

A Beiruti bolding a radio to his ear in the street is more likely to be checking exchange rates than bomb blasts or militia fighting. Shopkeepers use dollars to price goods, ignoring threats from the government that this is

illegal. People rusb to turn their

pay packets into the U.S. cur-

People have an obsession called the dollar," said a Lebanese economist. They talk about it the way they talk about the weather in England.'

Money dealers using walkietalkies and their own high-speed grapevine fix rates by the minute for trading in shabby booths or on street corners.

The once-sturdy Lebanese lira is now worth around 500 to the

In the early 1970s, when the dollar bought around two liras, it was one of the world's strongest

Its decline started with the civil war in 1975. This year's plunge, despite what by Lebanese standards is a period of calm, was prompted by a lack of confidence caused by the near-total paralysis of the government.

On once-fashionable Hamra Street to west Beirut, hundreds of small-time dealers, with paper bags full of cash and calculators in haod, gather on the pavement every morning to buy aod sell. Mr. Mustafa Zaka, 38, a father

of five wbo worked for the electricity department, said: "I found trading in dollars much more profitable than my job so I asked for unpaid leave and started working the pavement of Hamra

No one wants to be left out. Housewives check the regular foreign exchange bulletins on local radios before going shopping in the morning. Silence reigns at family lunch when the closing rate for the dollar is announced.

Most shopkeepers refuse to quote a price before calling a foreign exchange dealer and checking the latest rate.

Many workers, expecting prices to continue to rise and the lira to confinue to fall, change their salaries into dollars every mooth, later buying local currency as needed.

Gulf Arab states call for halt to oil price discounting

RIYADH (R) — Gulf Arab oil states called on Tuesday for a halt to oil price discounting and urged non-OPEC producers to cut output to support world

states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) issued a communique stressing the need to snck to OPEC agreements on quotas to defend an \$18 a barrel oil price.
"Leaders stressed the necessity

of abiding by OPEC resolutions and stopping direct and indirect discounts," said the communique, according to an unofficial translation.

'The council calls on non-OPEC states to cooperate with the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to achieve stability in the market by reducing their surplus produc-

The GCC groups OPEC mem-bers Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with Bahrain and Oman, who support OPEC policies although they are not mem-

Lack of price and quota disci-pline in OPEC brought prices tumbling in mid-December in a glutted world oil market, although prices firmed over the past week on hopes Kuwait and the UAE would rein in produc-

But sput prices for Dubai's benchmark crude are still almost \$2.5 below the official OPEC selling price.

"How do the Gulf states think they will make up the difference between the market and official prices," one Gulf-based oil executive commented on the com-

Saudi Arabia has fiercely resisted pressure from foreign buyers to sell at a discouot, but industry executives said the world glut is increasing pressure for hidden discounts and lower prices linked to the non-OPEC or spot

A Saudi oil official told Reu-

At the end of a four-day sum-mit in the Saudi capital, the six would not sell oil below official prices unless overproduction by other OPEC members seriously threatened its market share.

The six states also ranified at their summit an agreement to lend each other oil to keep exports - and revenue - flowing in times of emergency.

Oil industry executives said the accord was designed to cope with incidents such as October's Silkworm missile attack on Kuwait's sea island loading terminal which the emirate blamed on Iran.

Meanwhile, Indonesia has served notice on OPEC it will not be bound by the group's latest price and production agreement other members cheat.

South East Asia's largest nation made the warning public as some Gulf states came under intense pressure to offer discounts in the face of falling world spot oil prices.

Mr. Abdul Rachman Ramly. head of the state oil company Pertamina, said Indonesia had issued the warning to fellow members of OPEC during their meeting in Vienna in mid-December.

Indonesia's official Antara News Agency quoted Mr. Ramly as saying during a briefing for Indonesian editors on Monday that Jakarta would consider itself free of any OPEC commitments if other members contravened the output limits.

He said Energy Minister Subroto had served notice Indonesia would not tolerate further quota or price violations.

Indonesia, the world's fifth largest country with a population of 172 millioo, depends beavily on oil to keep its ecocomy afloat, and bas been angered by Gulf countries threatening the oil price by producing above their quota. All OPEC members apart from

Iraq agreed in Vienna to extend for another six months their cur-

rent output and price accord to defend a reference price of SIS a barrel.

The compromise, worked out after days of wrangling, holds the 12 to produce only 15.06 million barrels per day of crude in the first six months of 1988. The agreement has sent spot oil prices tumbling because of high oil

stocks accumulated as a result of previous OPEC overproduction. Mr. Ramly said Dr. Subroto took the unusual step in Vienna of staning that Indonesia "reserves the right not to be part of the agreement any more should members continue to violate it."

A Pertamina spokesman confirmed Antara's account of the briefing held to coincide with Periamina's 30th anniversary. Industry sources said Gulf oil

states were under intense pressure to offer price discounts in the face of falling world oil prices.

Oil analysts in New York said Saudi Arabia may soon be forced to offer incentives to buyers if it wanted to sell its full quota of crude oil in a glutted market.

Dr. Subroto said last week that OPEC's price monitoring committee, of which Indonesia is a member, would watch the market closely over the next few weeks and could call an extraordinary meeting of the group if the \$18 reference price no longer looked defensible.

Antara quoted Mr. Ramly as saying the Vienna meeting which he attended was the most difficult. for OPEC so far, apparently because of an escalation in the Gulf war and the different interests of member countries.

According to the Indonesian daily Merdeka, Mr. Ramly also forecast that oil prices in 1988 would not drop sharply as the OPEC output ceiling was the same as for 1987, and demand would be at least as strong as over the past year.

Mr. Ramly said Nigeria, Indonesia and Venezuela had become moderate voices within OPEC, often acting as intermediaries to help settle differences within the grouping.

LONDON (R) - The dollar down 57 points on Monday. clung perilously to values barely above Monday's historic lows on share index crashed 78.4 points or Undermining the dollar was a Tuesday and knock-on effects of its decline included a dramatic fall on London's stock market.

The dollar in Europe's morning traded around 1.59 Deutschemarks and 123 Japanese yen, just off all-time lows quoted on Monday of 1.5870 and 122.75, dealers said. Gold was little changed, set at \$489.55 an ouoce in the Londoo market.

London's Stock Exchange reopened after a Christmas break and promptly extended a worldwide retreat of share prices which had taken Wall Street

4.3 per cent from the pre-Christmas Thursday close, to an early low of 1,712.7. Dealers cited the decline on Wall Street and the weak dollar as the reasons for marking prices lower.

"Until we get something solid from the U.S. to support the dollar we could be prone to this sort of fall for quite some time into the new year," one said. The dollar's weakness revived

anxieties about prospects for the global economy. It also tbreatened the earnings of firms which export to the United States. Shares eased in Germany

belief that the United States is obliged to let it continue to slide in order to correct its huge trade

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater hastened to tell reporters on Monday: "The United States wants to see stability in the dollar.'

That had some steadying effect, as did reports that the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) had joined other central banks on Monday in buying dollars in a concerted market intervention to brake the slide.

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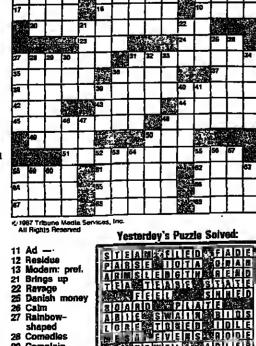
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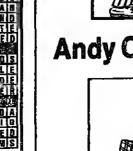
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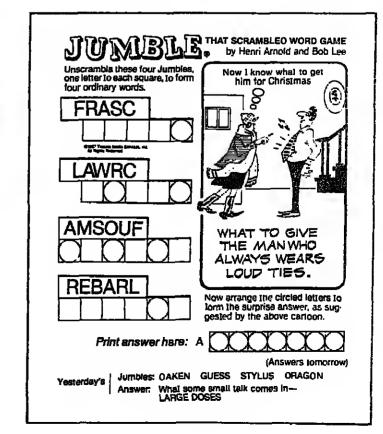
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THE BETTER HALF, By Harris IT'S FREEZING OUT HERE! I WISH SOMEONE WOULD SEND SOME HOT LOVE LETTERS! ô, PARKER HARRIS



Protesters set off bombs, burn buses during Bangladesh strike

DHAKA (R) — Protesters in Bangladesh set off small bombs and set buses afire on Tuesday during the latest opposition-led strike against President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

Police said the strikers ex- stayed open. ploded home-made bombs — tiny canisters filled with explosives and metal fragments — across the capital Dhaka during the eighthour strike. No injuries were reported.

At least two government buses on the streets in defiance of the strike were burned, police said.

Riot police used truncheons to hreak up demonstrators and opposition sources said at least 10 protesters were injured. Police said five activists were arrested.

The strike on Tuesday was the 16th since 21 opposition parties began a campaign on Nov. 10 to force Gen. Ershad to resign,

Only a few cycle ricksbaws and trucks carrying squads of paramilitary police travelled along the sbuttered streets of Dhaka, a city of four million. Most husinesses were closed although hanks

MANILA (Agencies) — A Phi-

lippine shipping company official on Tuesday defended the structu-

ral soundness of the ferry Dona

Paz, which sank after a collision

earlier this month taking 2,000

Captain Plutarco Bawagan told

a court of inquiry into the world's

worst peacetime marine disaster

that the 2,215-ton Dona Paz

He said it must have been

The Dona Paz was so strong

that if the collision bad been the

other way round - if the ferry

had rammed the tanker — "it

would bave been like a truck

smashing into a mini-car," be

Capt. Bawagan said if the

His testimony came amid

charges in the Philippine Con-

gress that the Dona Paz, owned

by the Sulpicio Lines, may bave

been carrying up to 3,500 people.

Only 26 people survived the

Dona Paz had been at fault it

would not have sunk.

could not have been at fault.

rammed by the 629-ton oil tanker

people with it into the sea.

A committee linking the opposition parties described the strike "as yet another success" and said it would announce new anti-Ershad campaign to at a mass rally on Sunday.

Gen. Ersbad imposed a state of emergency last month to thwart the apposition campaign and dissolved parliament. But be promised to hold fresh elections.

Deputy Prime Minister Shah-Moazzem Hossain said such elections might take place hy March 5. He said the election commission might soon announce details.

The 21 parties have said they would not take part in any new elections unless Gen. Ersbad handed over power to a caretaker government. Gen. Ershad, hnwever has refused to resign under pressure.

Mr. Hussain, secretary-general

Dec. 20 collision off Mindoro.

"If the Dona Paz was the one

which rammed the Vector, she

would bave survived. She was

built with a collision bulkhead.

She would never, never bave

sunk," Capt. Bawagan told the

Capt. Bawagan said the Dona

Paz, with a 50-man crew, was

authorised to carry up to 1,518

Coast guard officials have said

the ship bad a passenger manifest

of 1.493, but survivors say it was

carrying hundreds more, includ-

ing many unticketed children.
The ferry owners said they had

Congressman Raul Daza said

on Monday an unofficial list of

passengers indicated the ship was possibly carrying up to 3,500

people. Mr. Daza said the list, drawn

up by a radio station, was based

on reports from people still look-

ing for relatives they believe were

no exact figures.

on board.

five-man coast guard panel.

Philippine ferry 'could not have been at fault'

Island.

of the ruling Jatiya Party, said the government would go ahead with the election plans even if the said Tuesday. oppositing parties did not take

He also rejected the demand for neutral caretaker government, saying the constitution did not permit such an arrangement.

They are actually afraid of elections hecause they know the verdict will go against them," Mr. Hossain told a party meeting on Monday.

"They know it well that people will not vote for them because of their past misdeeds. So they want to grab power hy indulging in strikes and demonstrations, Gen. Ershad told a rally outside Dhaka

But they ought to know as well that there is no short-cut to power. Anyone seeking a change of government must win the people's verdict in the elections," be

11 hart in ferry fire

DHAKA (AP) - About 10 people were hurned or injured missing.

Sulpicio Lines deny the ship

was overloaded and say its jour-

ney bad been cleared by the coast

An investigating official said Tuesday his panel may never

knnw wbat caused the collision of

a passenger ship and the oil

At the investigative bearing on

the crash, lawyers for the two

shipping companies involved

"We are fearful that we may

not be able to establish what

really happened for lack of reli-

ahle first-hand knowledge," said

Rudy Villanueva, officer of a

Press that the biggest difficulty

facing the five-member investiga-

tory board was finding qualified witnesses to establish the two

vessel's relative positions when

None of the Dona Paz 60

crewmen survived, and only two

of the 629-ton Vector's 13 crew-

the collision occurred.

men were rescued.

Villanueva told the Associated

panel probing the collision.

hlamed each other.

16 killed in U.S. Christmas massacre mons went on a sbooting spree

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas (R) - The death toll in a Christmas boliday massacre here rose to 16 nn Tuesday when police found rendering. seven more bodies in a grave and the bodies of two children in the trunks of abandoned cars.

The boat was carrying about 150 passengers — double its sanc-

tioned capacity - when it caught

fire Monday during its run from

the southern island town of

Patuakhali to the neighbouring

trading centre of Galachipa, said

the officials who spoke on condi-

The fire appeared to bave

started in the engine room hut the

exact cause of the hlaze was not

kilometres (100 miles) south of

Patuakbali is about 160

Officials told the Associated

Press that most of the passengers

panicked when they saw the fire

and jumped into the river and

swam asbore. Many of them were

rescued by fishing boats nearhy.

A district official said no bodies

were found at or near the acci-

dent scene and dismissed as

"tntally baseless" reports that as

many as 100 passengers were

Cosmonauts

target in Kazakhstan

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet

Soyuz TM-3 space capsule landed

on Tuesday on a snow-covered steppe in Soviet Kazakhstan, en-

ding a record 327-day space mis-

sion aboard the orbiting space station Mir by cosmonaut Yuri

Soviet television said the

spacecraft carrying Romanenko

and fellow cosmonauts Alexan-

der Alexandrov and Anatoly

Levchenko parachuted down at 12.18 p.m. Moscow time (0918

GMT) near the town of Arkalik.

Television said the capsule

landed right on target despite

winds blowing up to 14 metres (45

It showed members of ground

control hreaking into wide grins

as the landing was announced,

some clapsing their hands in vic-

The Soyuz TM-3 separated from the Mir space station three

bours earlier, television reported. It showed pictures of the three

earth-bound cosmonauts taking

their leave of the new crew,

Vladimir Titov and Musa Man-

new crew a happy and successful voyage in space," Romanenko said as be and his colleagues

prepared to transfer from the

"We wish you a soft landing,"

TASS later reported the official landing time as 12.15 p.m. (0915 GMT).

Romanenko. 43, made space bistory on Oct. 1, when be broke

the previous record of 237 days in

space set hy three Soviet cosmo-

nauts aboard Mir's predecessor,

space station to the capsule.

Titov said in reply.

Salyut-7, in 1984.

"It remains only to wish the

Romanenko.

feet) per second.

land on

tion of anonymity.

knnwn, they said.

the capital of Dhaka.

Police said 14 of the victims were members of the family of former Air Force Sergeant R. Gene Simmons who has been charged with the shooting deaths of two coworkers.

The bodies of the latest victims were found near Simmons' home where police on Monday bad discovered the bodies of five family members.

Police said although Simmons bad been charged with only two murders so far he was suspected of involvement in all 16 deaths. Police warrant officer Edie Deal said the shooting spree apparently started just before Christmas.

"The Christmas tree was up and all the presents were around it. The cold weather has made it difficult to pinpoint the time of death, but all indications are it was before Christmas," she said.

Police said on Monday Sim-

killing two former coworkers and wounding four others before sur-

Sbortly after, officers went to his home where they found five bodies, covered with sheets and

They were tentatively identified as Simmons' son and daughter and their spouses, and a sixyear-old child, believed to be bis granddaughter.

Pope County sberiff said Simmons had refused to speak to officers. "He would not even npen his mouth to us," he said. Simmons maintained his silence in court on Tuesday when he was charged with the murders of 24-year-old divorcee Kathy Kendrick and firefighter James

When asked if he was aware of his rights he merely nodded.

Chaffin, 33.

Monday's violence began about 10.15 a.m. when Simmons walked into the law offices of Richard Peel carrying two .22 calibre pistols and sbot Kendrick. who worked as a receptionist there, in the head.

India frees 8 extremists

NEW DELHI (R) - Eight Marxist extremists have been freed from jail in soutbern India after their group abducted the same six policemen in July. number of government officials, the Press Trust of India (PTI)

reported on Tuesday. PTI quoted a senior civil servant as saying in Hyderabad, capital of Andhra Pradesh state, that Naxalite extremists from the

The Naxalites demanded the release of their comrades, who were arrested for the murder of

Police commandos were sent to Andhra Pradesb on Monday to tackle the extremists.

The movement took its name from a 1967 peasant uprising in-Naxalbari in eastern India.

It was outlawed in the early 1970s, but some hands still operate in eastern and southern India.

People's War Group had been freed while talks continued for the release of the officials. Malaysia extends detention

for 33 people, restricts 10 KUALA LUMPUR (R) - Thir-. 55 bad simply been freed. ty-three of 106 people arrested in a security crackdown since October will be detained for two years, Malaysian police said on

Tuesday. Eight of the others are still under investigation and another eight have been released but are restricted to their homes during

certain times of the day, a policenan told Reuters by telephone. He said two others were living

The police officer withheld thenames of those sent to Kamuniting Camp in the north for extended imprisonment.

However, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohammad said on Sunday that Lim Kit Siang, secretary-general of the main opposition Democratic Acdent Karpal Singh were among at places designated by police far those who would continue to he from their homes while the other detained.

Afghan rebels deny Kabul report of heavy losses

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — road leading to Khost. losses and said up to 1,500 Soviet ground route between Khost, paratroopers and 20,000 Afghan near the border with Pakistan, troops remain trapped in the and Gardez. Afghan city of Khost.

They dismissed reports hy Radio Kahul on Monday that Afghan troops had killed 1,603 guerrillas in a hattle to reopen the

BY CHARLES GOREN

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and a diamond raise should all be

considered-and rejected Your

prime controls and good five-card

suit make the hand lose good for

three no trump; you need a sixth heart for a jump in hearts, and

there must be a better hid than to

raise partner with three low eards!

The solution is a waiting hid of

Partner's next action should help

Q.2-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold. **4AK9852 12 QJ9 4K103**

Pass 2 : Pass Pass 3 ♣

A .- Your hand his improved dra-

matically. You have a fit for both

The bidding has proceeded:

What do you bid now"

South West North East

three clubs-a high reverse

The bidding has proceeded South West North East

Pass 2

What do you bid now?

Afghan rebels battling the gov-ernment in Kabul denied heavy nearly a decade of the sole

"The Security of the Gardez-Khost Highway has now been ensured," Radio Kabul said in a broadcast monitored in fsla-

you might want to double the oppo-

nents no matter where they

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South

AAQ103 773 AA10952 +AQ

A.-In this sequence partner's sec-ond but doesn't promise extra

values---be might simply have no

Severificless, your hand is just 100

trump Partner could easily have

fitter 11 points and moother rebid.

O.5-As South, vulnerable, you

The bidding has proceeded
North East South West
1 + Pass 2 + Pass
2 NT Pass ?

A .-- If you elect to rebid three

chibs, you would be showing a sub-

minimum two-over-one response

with nothing but a good, long club

suit. Since you have a king in re-serve, that bid must be ruled out

We would opt for three no trump

This hand could easily produce six

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you

4KJ93 ∜AQ7 ∜AJ8 4K106

or seven Irleks for partner.

The bidding has proceeded:

What action do you take?

ly defined holding.

South West North East 1 NT Pass 4 Pass

A .- Your opening bid announced a

Partner's response has stated that he loopes to make 10 tricks at a

What do you bid now?

95 K762 #AQJ1063

preference for either of your suits

INT Pass

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

Pass Pass

What action do you take?

honour Canadian volunteer killed in blast

cnffin of a Canadian volunteer honoured by the leftist government Monday after she was killed Christmas Day in a grenade explosion in a northern Nicaraguan

About 35 representatives of coffee-harvesting brigades from Italy, Australia, Great Britain and East Germany took turns standing in silent vigils by the coffin of Jennifer Green, a 26-

officer, 2nd Lt. Roger Mendez Zenon, were killed Friday when a grenade exploded in her hotel room in Matagalpa, 80 miles (128 kilometres) north of Managua,

Canadian government and Ms. Green's family are seeking further information on how the explosion occurred.

with the deaths. "My father just called (from Nicaragua) and said there is a

soldier in detention," Brian Green, of Toronto, was quoted as Ms. Green was one of 24 Cana-

coffee crop. Thousands of foreign volunteers help harvest coffee each year because of a shortage of labour caused by the U.S.supported contra rebel war.

wooden coffin was carried into the headquarters of the government-run Nicaraguan Committee for People's Solidarity. Meanwhile the opposition

Expelled Chinese intellectuals offered top advisory post

PEKING (R) — Two leading intellectuals who were expelled from China's Communist Party in January have been nominated to the country's top advisory body, Chinese sources said on Monday.

They said dissident scientist Fang Lizhi and journalist Liu Binyan bad recently heen nominated to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which consists largely of non-Communists and advises the gov-

ernment. The sources said party chief Zhao Ziyang wanted to show that China could tolerate criticism and have it go through official chan-nels. They said they did not know

if the two would accept the

Fang, Liu and writer Wang Ruowang were thrown out of the party in January, when party chief Hu Yaobang resigned for 'ideological errors." They were vilified in the official media for advocating bourgeois liheral-ism," meaning Western political

Fang, an astrophysicist, was also dismissed from his post as vice-chairman of the Chinese Science and Technology University in central China. He was allowed to visit Italy in May for an international science conference.

6 Duvalierists register as presidential candidates PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) in November and Lahens had

- Eight presidential aspirants, including six officials from the deposed Duvalier government, have registered to participate in

the November election under a provision in the constitution that prohihits all Duvalier supporters from running for public office for 10 years.

cancelled only a few hours after they began because of violent attacks on voters hlamed on Duvalier supporters and the

Desinor, Claude Raymond, Alphonse Lahens, Edouard Francisque, Jean Julme and Lesage

All held government positions under the Duvalier family dictatorship. Desinor was minister of finance under Francois Duvalier, Raymond served as army chiefof-staff during the critical transition period after the elder Duvalier's death in 1971, and Francis-

Desinor recently told the U.S. television network CBS that he was a "Duvalierist and proud of it." He had threatened to promote a civil war" if he couldn't run violence and accused the army of

threatened to "take up arms." The two other candidates, Gregoire Eugene and Dieuveuil Joseph, were among 23 candidates in November.

All eight contenders registered with a regional circuit court in Port-Au-Prince, said Judge of the Peace Andre Normil. The electoral law written by the former Electoral Council specified that candidates must register with the The Nov. 29 elections were council rather than the govern-

> Rightist candidate and former Duvalier minister Hubert Deroncerey has said he will participate in the Jan. 17 balloting, but by Monday was not reported having registered.

The independent Electoral Council that organised the November halloting ruled that all six Duvalierists were ineligible to run because of their ties to the family dictatorship of ousted President-For-Life Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier and his father, Francois.

But Haiti's military-dominated junta dishanded the independent council after the Nov. 29 elections were cancelled amid attacks on voters that claimed at least 34 lives. Foreign election observers

When the election was cancelled, the junta took over the electoral process, picking a new Electoral Council and scheduling new voting for Jan. 17.

The new council wrote an election law that makes it illegal to call for voters to boycott elecnons, does away with the secret ballot and candidates to print and distribute their own ballots.

The new law does not bar Duvalierists from running. The radio stations said that

Franck Romain, a former chief of police under Francois Duvalier and mayor of Port-Au-Prince under Jean-Claude Duvalier, registered for the mayoral race.

In the early 1960s Romain commanded firing squads during public executions of Duvalier opponents. Hundreds of schoolchildren were forced to watch.

The four leading presidential candidates in the November elections - Sylvio Claude, Marc Bazin, Louis Dejoie and Gerard Gourgue - have refused to take part in the new elections.

The four, united as the Committee for Democratic Agreement, bave accused Desinor, Raymond and Lahens of direct involvement in killings, arson hlamed Duvalier loyalists for the attacks and terrorism that marred the November halloting.

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U.S. vets visit racing camel

PULLMAN, Washington (AP) - Three U.S. veterinariarecently travelled to the United Arab Emirates to try to help a injured racing camel. The United Arab Emirates embassy in the United States contacted Karl White and Barrie Grant Washington State University about "Airplane," an ailing \$4 million racing camel owned by Sheikh Hamdan Ibn Zaved Nahyan. Sheikh Al Nahyan, who owns some 350 racing camel spent \$30,000 to bring White, Grant and a third veterinarian from New York to his father's country. Airplane badn't lost a race ligaments. Camel races are big business in the Middle East nation though betting on two-kilometre to 10-kilometre races is illera: Owners of winning camels in a typical 60-camel contest or receive new cars in the government-sponsored races. Highligh from a day of racing on the sand tracks are routinely shown t television. The sheikh sought outside help for the 9-year-n camel after Incal cures, such as placing a hot iron on its skin failed. The veterinarians determined that injuries would prever Airplane from ever racing again, hut White and Grant said the hope their trip will spark interest in camel husbandry and promo nutritional and physiological studies of racing camels.

Drug deaths in Italy rise sharply

ROME (R) — Italy has recorded a sharp increase in the numb of deaths from drug overdose, according to newly-released offici statistics. A tntal of 440 Italians died through drug overdose in # first 11 months of 1987, almost double the 262 deaths from drurecorded for the whole of 1986. The latest figures show that 85 p 31 - 132 cent of the deaths were caused by hernin overdose and mo and the victims were aged between 18 and 35 years old. Three of the who died were aged hetween 15 and 17. Some 28,000 ftalians a being treated for drug dependency with the highest number addicts reported in large northern cities such as Milan, Turin at Venice. Officials said deaths from cocaine were likely to ri sharply in the next few years as the drug becomes more wide

U.K. women don't trust men with pill

LONDON (R) — Most British women would not expect men remember to take a birth control pill, according to an opinion p released on Tuesday. Seven women out of 10 would not believe man who said he was taking a pill, according to the survey l Schering Health Care, a leading manufacturer of oral contrace tives. The poll of more than 1.000 women was held as early tri: ... of a male contraceptive tablet were being carried out at t Centre for Reproductive Biology in Edinhurgh. Schering Pub Relations Director James Carter told reporters: "When t researchers mentioned the male pill, women were saying thdidn't even trust their husband to remember to put the cat out night so how could they expect him to remember to take the pill

Fake dollars left in front of bank

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Pranksters left dozens of garbage by stuffed with fake U.S. dollar bills on the steps of Argentin Central Bank on Monday as part of Central Bank on Monday as part of a spoof on the countr \$54-billion foreign debt. The pranksters tossed bundreds of t bills — emblazoned with the face of Argentine Tango idol Car Gardel instead of George Washington — to surprised onlook in the heart of Buenos Aires' financial district. "The debt is fake, so let's pay it with fake dollars," said leaflets passed out organisers of the event, who bad a bome-made printing press hand to courn out the bills. The prank was organised by memb of the opposition Peronist Party, which advocates a morator on foreign debt payments. It coincided with the Day of Innoc Saints, the Argentine equivalent of April Fools Day.

Police say woman shot at movies

BALTIMORE (AP) — A man who was blocking the view in movie theatre shot a woman in both legs when one of companions asked him to move, police said. Dolores Curtis, was sbot Sunday night while sitting in the back row at an Im.
Harbour Theater showing of Eddie Murphy Raw. She was good condition at Johns Hopkins Hospital, a spokeswoman says and Joseph Lockett said he politely tapped one of the two stand men on the shoulder and asked him to move, according to poli The reported response was: "Don't touch me, you ain't got touch me, don't touch me no more." The assailant allegedly the put his face close to Lockett's face and said, "who are you, Lockett started to get up hut was restrained by a friend. I assailant then stepped back, pulled out a bandgun and fir

Shop till you drop — a U.K. tradition

LONDON (AP) — Tens of thousands of Londoners left the leftover turkey and plum puddings at home to indulge in anot.

British holiday tradition — the post-Christmas sales. While city. London's financial district, was as empty as a ghost town, Oxford Street and Regent Street shopping districts were jamn with parcel-laden bargain bunters. After one of the hus: still appeared to have money hurning a hole in their pocket and credit to spare on their charge cards. British retailers mark down their prices only twice a year, after Christmas and in August, savings are usually a hefty one-third to one-half off the regu prices. An American woman from New Jersey and her daught who did not want to give their names, said they had flo overnight to London specifically for the post-Christmas sal Straun Kerr camped on the pavement outside Debenha Department Store on Oxford Street for nine days to raise mor for the British Broadcasting Corp.'s Children in Need apps Kerr, 21, who took donations from passers-hy, was the f shopper through the doors Monday morning when he snatched a 26-inch (66-cm) television set reduced from £299.95 (\$557.90) just £10 (\$18.60). Kerr said he will donate the TV to the char fund. Dehenhams responded by giving him back his £10 (\$18to add to the hundreds be had collected. The granddaddy of to add to the hundreds be had collected. The granddaduy of winter sales, at Harrods Department Store in Knightsbrid doesn't begin until Jan. 6.

Young paralysed woman found dead

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (AP) — A 27-year-old paraly: woman who had previously requested doctors to put her to dewas found dead from "unnatural causes," authorities 5 Monday. However, an Augsburg-hased society supporting Eutl nasia said a sympathiser gave the woman cyanide at her 0. request. The woman, identified only as "Daniela," was fou dead in her home near Karlsruhe in Baden-Wuerttemberg st on Dec. 23, spokesman from the city prosecutor's office 52 Public debate about the legal and moral grounds for Euthans bas surrounded the paralysed woman since she requested: well-known doctor to put her to death last March. Dr. Jul Hackethal took the case to court, and on Dec. 21 was forbidd hy the Karlsruhe court to aid in the woman's death. I Hacketbal told the Saarlaendischen Rundfunk radio station in interview Monday that be informed the woman of the cour decision on Dec. 22. Police are now looking for an unidentify Swiss woman the Euthanasia Society said gave the paralys natient cyanide to be taken through a straw.

of partner's suns, a singleton to the unbid suit and prime controls in preference doesn't come close to describing 11/15 sudden powerhouse—jump to four diamonds. The bidding has proceeded:

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South you hold. **492** ♥AKJ6 ♥873 **4Q**1062 North East South

What action do you take" A.—There is a standard way to de-scribe your hand. Whenever partner's opening bid has been doubled for takeout and you hold 10 or more points, you must redouble. This action requests partner to pass at his next turn because

|Sandinistas

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Foreigners filed silently by the

year-old co-worker. Ms. Green, of Hamilton, Ontario, and a Nicaraguan army

the capital. The government called the explosion an accident, but the

The Canadian press late Monday quoted Green's brother as saying that a Nicaraguan soldier has been detained in connection

dians helping to pick this year's Ms. Green's closed brown

newspaper La Prensa has complained that a spoof of it published by the ruling party newspaper was a threat to freedom of expression and threatened to sue

government-run elections set for Jan. 17, officials have said.

The six had been barred from

The six candidates are Clovis

que and Lahens both served in ministerial posts.